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KINKO MARU LOSS SENSATION.

DELIBERATE PIRATE OUTRAGE.

STEER FOR THE ROCKS AFTER LOOTING VESSEL.

WARSHIPS ON SCENE.

Sensationally new light is thrown on the disaster to the Japanese s.s. Kinko Maru, by authoritative information that the vessel was deliberately wrecked by pirates, who boarded the vessel as passengers, overcame the officers, ransacked her, and decamped in junks after driving her ashore on the coast just below Foochow.

British naval wireless messages this morning confirm the fact that the vessel is dangerously disabled as the result of her crash on the rocks near Turnabout Island, but add the interesting information that she was seized by a pirate gang, and run aground in Lat. 25.33.7 N., Longitude, 119.53.3 E., after thoroughly looting the vessel.

Escape in Junks.

The pirates were apparently well aware of the exact position, as the naval messages state that the gang made good their escape in junks which arrived on the scene of the wreck soon after the steamer had been beached.

They are believed to have taken refuge on Kwing Island and Laitin Island, where, it is believed, they have stored their booty.

It is established also that the master and crew of the Kinko Maru, were reported to have abandoned the vessel when it was discovered she was in a dangerously sinking condition, have been rescued and safely transferred to Japanese destroyers which have arrived on the scene.

Breaking Up.

There is no information available to show the full course of events from the time the Kinko Maru was captured till she was wrecked on the coast, nor to show subsequent transmission of messages resulting in the despatch of destroyers to the scene.

The British naval authorities inform us to the effect that another Japanese steamer, the Annum Maru, has gone to the scene of the disaster, with a view to attempting salvage operations. As far as can be seen the vessel is lying on or near the rocks, dangerously holed, with no-one on board able to do anything towards preventing her from breaking up.

Possible Theory.

Enquiries of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, the local agents for the owners of the Kinko Maru, the Shosaki Yokichi, of Amagasaki, reveal that up to the present they have had no information of the piracy.

The M. B. K. are given to understand that the vessel was wrecked in a fog, and have had no information to other effect. It may be that the vessel was attacked by pirates after the master had had the misfortune to run his vessel ashore, but British naval wireless messages do not support this theory.

Vessel Sinks.

The s.s. Kinko Maru is a fair-sized freighter, roughly 3,000 tons gross, and is 25 years old. She is 325 feet long, has a beam of 48 feet, and draws 21.6 feet of water. It is understood the steamer was on her way to Hongkong.

Later.

We are informed by the agents that the s.s. Kinko Maru has now sunk. The crew are said to be on their way to Formosa.

RAILWAY REPAIRED.

NATIONALISTS PREPARING FOR OFFENSIVE?

Shanghai, Feb. 29.

From Hanchowfu it is reported that the eastern section of the Lunghai Railway has been repaired and traffic on the whole line was resumed yesterday.—*Reuter.*

FOREIGN OFFICE SCANDAL.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER MATTER NOT QUITE OVER.

DEBATE PROMISED.

London, Feb. 29.

The Foreign Office scandal and the action taken by the Government following the Board of Inquiry's report are not to be immediately forgotten.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin undertook to find at least half a day to discuss in the Commons the report of the Civil Service Inquiry, at the request of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, who asked that the House be given an opportunity of associating itself with the Government's action thereon.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald further asked the Premier to institute an enquiry into the issues raised owing to the re-opening of the Zinovieff letter affair, Mr. MacDonald feeling that the position in which it was left by the report was very incomplete.—*Reuter.*

The Board decided there was not the slightest ground for the accusation against Mr. J. D. Gregory, the dismissed official, that he manipulated the publication of the Zinovieff Letter and Note to Mr. Rakowsky, in order to embarrass Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and to serve his own financial ends.

LANCASHIRE MILL COMBINES.

COMMON SACRIFICES FROM TOP TO BOTTOM.

IMPORTANT PROJECT.

London, Feb. 29.

A scheme for the amalgamation of a hundred of the Lancashire cotton mills, in order to reduce costs of production, is said to be nearing fruition.

Alternative schemes, says the *Financial News*, are one large combine or a series of combines aiming at the standardisation of production on a massed basis in a manner similar to that pertaining in Japan.

The project at the outset will not be on an extensive scale, but as the benefits are realised there will be a general disposition on the part of the weaker concerns to join the movement.

The scheme is based on the conviction of the necessity for complete reorganisation of the capital of the American section of the industry, entailing common sacrifices from the top to the bottom.—*Reuter.*

PORTUGUESE PLOT UNEARTHED.

MANY POLITICAL CRIMINALS ARRESTED.

Lisbon, Feb. 29.

Following the discovery of a bomb in the railway works at Barreiro, the police have made thirteen arrests, and have unearthed quantities of bombs and war material, including rifles, and dum dum bullets.

The police have captured the North Portugal gangsters who are alleged to have been responsible for the shooting of two policemen who were investigating the activities of a suspected party of conspirators. The police have also arrested numerous alleged Communists.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH LIGHTERS ATTACKED.

CHINESE GUNBOAT OFFERS PROTECTION.

Chenglin, Feb. 29.

Last Sunday unarmed bandits attacked a number of British lighters anchored in the shallow waters of Tung Ting Lake. In order to protect them a small guard from a Chinese gunboat had been put on the lighters.—*Naval Wireless.*

THE JOCKEY CLUB PROSECUTION.

CASE AGAINST R. A. MEN RESUMED.

ONE DISCHARGED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

OTHER IS FINED \$100.

The proceedings against Corporal J. Davidson and Bombardier G. H. Lowe, of the 31st Company, Royal Artillery, who were charged with attempting to steal \$75, (2) mutilating entrance tickets of the Hongkong Jockey Club, (3) attempting embezzlement of \$75 and (4) attempting to obtain \$75 by false pretences, at the recent Race Meeting was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning.

Mr. R. A. Wadson prosecuted on behalf of the Hongkong Jockey Club, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones represented the two defendants.

A Chinese detective called by the prosecution stated that he was on duty during the Race Days inside the public enclosure and his instructions were to keep an eye on pickpockets and to watch the Europeans who were selling tickets at the gate. Witness said he recognised both the defendants. The first was selling tickets from the ticket-box and the second defendant examined the tickets before admitting the public.

Admitted on Half Ticket.

Witness said he saw a lady pay \$3 for a ticket, and after being handed only half a ticket, was admitted without question. Witness stopped the lady in order to examine her ticket, but it was not until Sergeant Baker was called that she eventually showed her ticket to the police. It proved to be a half ticket.

Witness also saw four men enter the public enclosure with half tickets. The tickets held by these men were also examined by Sergeant Baker and another European.

Mr. Hugh Jones, in cross-examining the witness, asked if he was close to the two defendants the whole time.

Witness replied that he strolled inside the enclosure and did not station himself near the entrance all the time.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—I put it to you that you did not see this woman buy the ticket at all?

Mr. Lindell (interposing):—Why should you challenge that?

Detective's Duty.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—The impression I gathered was that he was sent out by Sergeant Baker to look for people with half tickets. From the evidence of Mr. Crawford and the Sergeant, I certainly gathered that this man was sent out to find people who had incomplete tickets.

The question was put to the witness, who repeated that he saw the woman pay for her ticket.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—Was there a big crowd around that gate?

Witness:—There was a large crowd outside.

Waiting to get tickets?—There were not many waiting to get tickets. There was a large crowd outside the barrier some distance away, watching the races.

Do you remember seeing the second defendant there?—Yes.

Only a Yard Away.

He was very close to you; was he?—About a yard away.

Did you see him on several occasions, leave that position and go into the enclosure?—No.

What was he doing there?—He examined the tickets as the people came in through the barrier.

You did not see him follow several people in?—No.

In reply to Mr. Wadson, witness said the incident occurred at about 12.30 p.m.

Witness said he was on duty on the first day of the Races, having been assigned to the Pickpockets' Squad, but he received later instructions, on the course, to look out for people bearing half-tickets, and actually came across a number who had such tickets.

Mr. Wadson's Contentions.

This closed the case for the prosecution. In his submission that both defendants had a case to answer, at any rate on the count of larceny, Mr. Wadson quoted an

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NORTHERN DRIVE BEGINS.

TAIHING CITY SAID TO HAVE FALLEN.

WHERE IS FENG?

Shanghai, March 1.

The latest report concerning war developments in Southern Chihli states that the forces of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang have captured Namlok, about 40 miles south of Taiming.

A heavy attack on Taiming has been in progress since Monday. One division from Feng's forces is now heading for that city.

Another report states that the city of Taiming has fallen.

The Chihli Generals, Chu Yu-pu and Chu Yuan-chun, are reported to have fled to Tientsin on Monday.

A message from Chengchow asserts that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is still remaining at Loyang. The previous report that he had left for the Hsinhsiang front lacks confirmation.

According to a telegram from Peking, hostile feelings have arisen between the Mohammedan General Ma Fu-hsiang, of Kansu, and General Yang Tseng-hsin, of Sinkiang.

A report from Sino-Japanese circles indicates that General Tang Sang-chi, who fled to Japan from Hankow some time ago, has now left that country, but his destination is not known.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

FOG CAUSES SHIPPING DELAY.

BOATS LATE IN HONGKONG.

Local fog to-day resulted in a general delay of vessels making Hongkong, among the ships held up being the Cunarder Franconia, with round-the-world tourists and the P. and O. Mongolia with the mail from Home. Both were due early this morning, but the Mongolia did not berth until 1.15 p.m., whilst the Franconia was towed in shortly afterwards.

Other vessels arriving during the past 24 hours report bad weather, with dense fog in the vicinity of Hongkong.

River vessels sailing last night were held up by conditions in Capsulim Pass, the s.s. Taisan outward at midnight reporting that she was compelled to anchor half an hour later. Although no other messages were received it is thought that other vessels on the run had also been forced to heave to.

The s.s. Tai Lee which came down last night reported that she passed the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong and s.s. On Lee, but the s.s. San Nam Hoi was not sighted. The passage down from Kongmoon was clear until Capsulim was reached.

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AMERICAN LOSSES IN NICARAGUA.

MARINES AMBUSHED IN THE JUNGLE.

Managua, Feb. 29.

United States Marines conducting a pack-train through the jungle were ambushed by a band of General Sandino's followers to-day, and four Marines were killed and nine wounded.

The encounter occurred in the heart of the jungle. Thirty-six Marines were in charge of a pack-train of eighty animals carrying supplies. They were taken completely by surprise by the Sandino followers, who fired both sides of the trail and opened fire with rifles and machine-guns.

The wounded were taken to Managua by aeroplanes, who were sent to the scene immediately by the Navy's cargo through—*Reuter's American Service.*

"LOS ANGELES" IN CUBA.

Washington, Feb. 29.

The dirigible "Los Angeles," has arrived at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PERSIA'S BONE OF CONTENTION.

BRITAIN DISPUTES BAHREIN CLAIM.

VIGOROUS REPLY MAINTAINS FORMER ATTITUDE.

HOME OF PHOENICIANS

London, Feb. 28.

The small Bahrain Islands in the Persian Gulf, which have no political importance, but are interesting historically, as they are reputed to be the original home of the Phoenicians, have become a bone of contention between Persia and Great Britain.

At the present time, they are ruled by a Sheikh under the protection of Great Britain.

The islands were mentioned in the Anglo-Persian Treaty last year, upon which Persia challenged the British right to deal with them, and protested to Britain and Members of the League of Nations, claiming them as a Persian possession.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has vigorously replied denying Persia's rights either geographically or ethnologically.—*Reuter.*

No Valid Grounds.

London, Feb. 29.

A copy of the note on the subject addressed to the Persian Minister in London, by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, has been communicated to the League of Nations. It is the British reply to the Persian Government's protest of November last against the terms of Article 6 of the Treaty of Jeddah, concluded in May, 1927, with the King of Hedjaz.

The Note states the British Government are not aware of any valid grounds upon which the claim of the Persian Government to sovereignty over these islands is, or can be, based.

Geographically the islands are not a part of Persia, nor are the inhabitants of the Persian race.

The British Government are aware that during a part of the 17th Century, and for some years during the latter part of the 18th Century, Bahrain was overrun and occupied by Persian troops, or by followers of certain chiefs from the Eastern shores of the Persian Gulf.

Invasion of Arabs.

It appears to be established that in or about the year 1733, the Government of Shah were dispossessed of the islands by an invasion of Arab tribes under the leadership of the direct lineal ancestor of the present Sheikh, and that since that date, the islands have never at any time been under the effective control of Persia.

The Note declares that the Persian allegation that their claim to sovereignty over Bahrain has been recognised on various occasions is entirely inadmissible, while it is not evident that even if this assertion were justified, it would confer on Persia the right of ownership which on other grounds it appears so difficult to establish.

Attitude Clearly Defined.

After examining the grounds upon which Persia has based this assertion, the Note remarks that the attitude of the British Government was clearly defined when in 1906 they declared the Persian claims to be inadmissible.

It was then added that they considered the Islands of Bahrain and the inhabitants to be under British protection, and must decline to entertain any further representations on the subject.

Concluding the Note says:—"From the foregoing remarks you will observe that the British Government, neither in 1861, nor at any other time, intended to recognise that Bahrain was part of Persia, and that while they have indeed admitted that a claim on the subject has, from time to time, been put forward by the Persian Government, they have never admitted the validity of such claims by the Turkish or Persian Governments."

"Their consistent endeavour in the matter of Bahrain has been to secure that the peaceful development of this island and the welfare of the Arab inhabitants shall not be disturbed by unjustified attempts on the part of their neighbours to subject them to foreign domination. They are not prepared to contemplate any departure from this policy.—*British Wireless.*

SEQUEL TO SOVIET BANISHMENTS.

BRITAIN ASKED TO RECOGNISE GOVERNMENT.

NOTHING TO JUSTIFY.

London, Feb. 29.

The breaking up of the stubborn Soviet group headed by Trotsky, who with Radek, prince of propagandists, and Radek, have been sent into exile in remote parts of Russia, formed the subject of a question in the House of Commons, when the Foreign Secretary was asked whether, in view of the banishment of Zinovieff and the Left Wing element from the Government of Soviet Russia, the British Government would consider the question of recognition of Soviet Government.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that nothing had occurred since that incident to justify the British Government in considering a resumption of diplomatic relations.

Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked if he had seen a speech by M. Rykoff saying the Russian Government were prepared to give the guarantees required by the British Government regarding interference in British affairs.

He replied that he had not, but if the Soviet wished to give an assurance of that kind, they could do so in the proper manner through normal diplomatic channels, and those assurances would be considered.—*British Wireless.*

HANKOW BRITISH CONCESSIONS.

DOING AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Feb. 29.

In the House of Commons, Sir Basil Peto asked whether steps were being taken to resume control of the British Concession at Hankow, and whether there had been any change in the matter in view of the fact that the "Red" Government had disappeared.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that there was no change since his reply on November 23rd last.

Mr. H. W. Looker, invited a statement regarding the progress of negotiations for the payments of arrears of interest on the Hankow Municipal debentures, and asked whether the municipal administration in Hankow was working satisfactorily.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he had no information regarding the first part of the question beyond what he had given on February 20th. He was not prepared to say that the administration was working as well as they could wish, but a recent telegram from the British Consul-General in Hankow stated that, generally speaking, the Sino-British Council was functioning as well as could be expected under the present difficult circumstances.—*Reuter.*

EXECUTION OF EDITH CAVELL.

GERMANY FLATLY DENIES FILM VERSION.

Berlin, Feb. 29.

The Government has issued an official statement on the Cavell war film, which declares that Nurse Cavell was shot by a platoon of soldiers, and died instantaneously.

It flatly denies the statement—illustrated or indicated in the film—that one soldier refused to fire and that the officer in charge shot her with a revolver.—*Reuter.*

WU HAN-MIN NOT FORGOTTEN.

APPOINTED MEMBER OF MILITARY COUNCIL.

Shanghai, Feb. 29.

A message from Nanking states that the Military Council yesterday appointed Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Mr. Wu Han-min and Mr. Chen Chi-ling, special members of the Military Council.—*Reuter.*

CANTON'S LATEST PROPOSAL.

CLOSER CONTACT WITH HONGKONG.

RAILWAY LOOP LINE IDEA REVIVED.

OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

The Canton Government has resolved to form a Reconstruction Committee with the primary intention of restoring commercial relations with Hongkong to their former footing, according to a Chinese report. This Committee, of which Marshal Li Chai-sun will be the Chairman, will be formally inaugurated at an early date.

It is stated that one of the chief aims of the movement is to improve conditions on both the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and the Kwangtung section of the Canton-Hankow Railways.

A Loop Line?

If possible, the Committee also desires to link up the two railways. The Committee believes that the connecting of these two lines will do much towards the improvement of trade connections with Hongkong and assist the commercial development of the northern part of Kwangtung.

There can be no doubt of the value which would accrue both to Hongkong and Kwangtung if a loop line could be constructed linking up the terminals of the Canton-Kowloon Railway with that of the Canton-Hankow line. Such a line has often been mooted, and many political changes in Canton have interfered with the carrying out of the project.

Link With Hankow.

The immediate result would be to bring Central Kwangtung into direct railway communication with this Colony, and it would, moreover, be a step towards the eventual securing of through railway communication from Kowloon to Hankow.

For many years past, the completion of the whole line between Canton and Hankow has been talked of, but at present this project is at a standstill, there being still some 300 miles to construct.

A Rich Province.

The report goes on to say that Kwangtung is a very rich province and that it has yielded a total revenue of \$80,000,000 per year since the establishment of the Nationalist Government in Canton a few years ago.

If civil strife terminates, the revenues could be still further increased and a considerable sum be assigned for reconstruction purposes, much to the benefit of the people and commerce throughout the province.

The fact that Marshal Li Chai-sun recently sent a telegram to the North, inviting Mr. Teng Tse-hu, a Kuomintang Commissioner, to return to Canton, is thought to indicate that the Marshal desires to appoint Mr. Teng as one of the members of the Reconstruction Committee.

According to an order made by the Canton Government yesterday, the 1925 Hongkong Strikers' Committee, which has been acting as a Head Union for unemployed Hongkong labourers in Canton is to be dissolved on the 15th instant.

NANKING & CUSTOMS TARIFFS.

SUBJECT OF MR. EDWARDES' DISCUSSIONS.

Shanghai, Feb. 29.

Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister to the Nanking Government, informed *Reuter's* representative to-day that "rumours to the contrary notwithstanding, my conversations with Mr. A. H. F. Edwards (acting Inspector-General of Customs) were limited to a private discussion of various proposals for increasing the Customs tariffs."

Questions were raised: Mr. T. V. Soong stated of the proposed convening of a Customs Conference, and of the appointment of an Inspector-General, but these matters were left in abeyance.—*Reuter.*

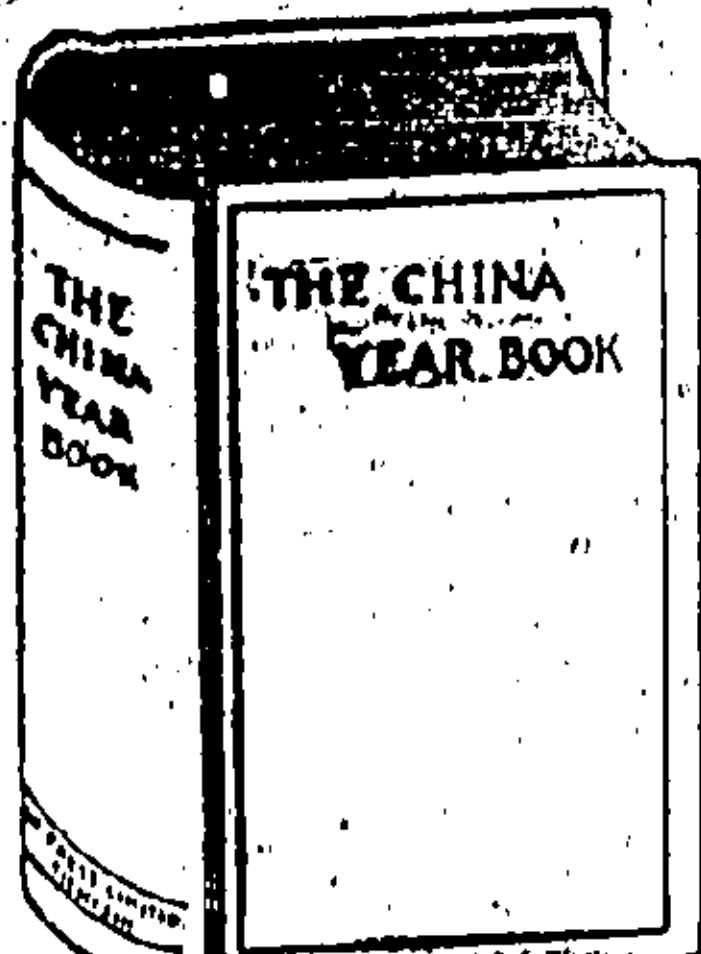
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ALLEGATION OF FRAUD.

FULL COURT APPEAL.

Allegations that two solicitors' interpreters were paid \$48,000 to arrange an estate settlement, and that one of them withheld the fact that the two youths concerned were under age in order that no hitch should occur, were made in the Court of Appeal yesterday when Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., opened an appeal against a judgment delivered by Mr. Justice Wood, who refused to grant an injunction restraining the mortgagees from disposing of property until the mortgage of \$500,000 had been paid.

Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Peter Grain and Mr. Justice Wood formed the Court.

The appellants were Loo Kwong-lam, 67 Calne Road and Loo Kwong-hin, of the same address, an infant and the respondents were Li Koon-chun and Wing Fat-shing, 81 Wing Lok Street, and Kan Tong-po, the chief manager of the Bank of East Asia Ltd., 10 Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, appeared on behalf of the appellants and Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the respondents.

The respondents, formerly defendants, alleged that the plaintiffs had fraudulently represented themselves to be adults.

Deed of Release.

Speaking on the question of the signing of the release as affecting Hin, Mr. Potter said, after reading through evidence relating to the mortgage, that they could not find the release was explained to the appellants. They emphatically denied that there was any explanation in the strict sense of the term. There was, he said, very little evidence to support the judge's contention that the release was read to them. He did not know how the learned judge could make such a sweeping statement in his judgment that "among these documents was the deed of release."

After referring to other evidence on the point Mr. Potter contended that there was not sufficient to lead a jury to believe the allegation of fraud, that the appellants had the deed of release interpreted to them, that they fully appreciated and understood the legal effect, that they knew they were described as being 21 years of age or over and that therefore they fraudulently represented themselves to be 21 by signing the document with no query in any shape or form. He ventured to say that the sweeping statement in the judgment was entirely unsupported.

Mr. Potter went on to review the evidence given by the plaintiffs, from which also they could not gather any evidence to show that the document was interpreted to Hin. It was not surprising that the boy should be given documents to sign on being told that if he did sign he would get his share and if he did not he would get nothing. "Did the Court think that the elder brothers would go out of their way to explain it all to the younger brothers?" asked Mr. Potter.

Judge Mistaken.

There was not the slightest evidence that the release was interpreted to them and brought expressly to their minds. With respect, he would suggest that the judge was under a misapprehension that there was evidence given when in truth and in fact there was none.

Mr. Potter went on to deal with the alleged express fraud when a solicitor was stated to have asked an interpreter whether Hin was of age and to have received a reply in the affirmative from the interpreter, the evidence being that Hin, who could speak English, might have heard the question.

Mr. Potter said that was irrelevant as the mortgage was already signed and that was the accusation of fraud that he had to meet. The allegation was that the appellants did certain things which induced the mortgagees to sign the mortgage.

Wrong Interpretation?

Mr. Justice Wood intimated that he had been under the impression that the mortgage attached to that was that they were not parties until they had paid the money.

Mr. Potter said, with deference, that no such interpretation could be put on it and he did not argue on that basis in the court below. If they put that construction on it then they might as well wipe out the whole meaning of the language.

A discussion ensued between the judges, after which Sir Henry Gollan said Mr. Justice Wood definitely understood that the mortgagees did not become parties to the mortgage until the payment of the money.

Mr. Potter replied that that was new to him. No lawyer would read the words "induced the defendants to become parties to the said mortgage" as meaning to pay the money. They were parties and could be compelled to pay over the money. "Supposing they refused to pay," asked Mr. Potter, "why should we not sue them?"

Sir Henry Gollan said he was not deciding the point but was merely pointing it out.

Mr. Potter remarked that Mr. Justice Wood had not found that point in his judgment.

Sir Henry Gollan said that in a mortgage the mortgagees do not sign and they did not sign in the present case.

Mr. Potter agreed and went on to say that paying money could not make one a partner to a document. Could it for a moment, he continued, be seriously said that if a man paid money under a contract by paying money in the ordinary sense he had become a party to that contract? That, he contended, was not a fair meaning to put on the words in question.

Mr. Justice Wood said that was his view at the time when he gave his original judgment but it did not appear in the judgment.

Mr. Potter said he remembered speaking on the point in his summing up in the court below and asked Mr. Jenkin whether he remembered.

Mr. Jenkin replied in the negative.

Mr. Potter, well, I may have forgotten. Perhaps I am wrong. Mr. Jenkin affirmed that the interpretation held by Mr. Justice Wood was the correct one in conformity with their pleadings.

Sir Henry Gollan said Mr. Justice Wood was clear on the point and Mr. Jenkin said he himself had argued it.

Regrettable Happening.

Mr. Potter replied all he could say was it was regrettable from his point of view that Mr. Justice Wood did not say so to him (Mr. Potter) and did not say so in his judgment.

Concluding his story with regard to Hin, Mr. Potter said he submitted that there was no evidence that Hin heard the question in the solicitors' office with regard to his age and, if he did, he did not appreciate the meaning of it. There was no evidence by which the court could find that Hin had fraudulently represented himself to be 21 years of age or over.

The appeal was adjourned until this morning when Mr. Potter will speak on behalf of Loo Kwong-lam.

At Norwich Assizes Robert Hiner Plumb, aged 42, rate collector, of Ely, and a captain in the Cambridge Territorials, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for drawing money for private in his company, forging the receipts, and appropriating the proceeds to his own use. The defence was that it was Plumb's intention to pay the money over when he met the private at drill and that he had domestic and financial trouble.

CHANGING CHINA.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO AND TO-DAY.

Few men can boast of having visited China during three stages as widely different as the China of 25 years ago and the China of to-day. Yet, Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks, Research Professor of Politics at New York University, has had just such an experience. His first visit to China was in 1903-4, when he came as representative of the Monetary Reform Commission, with the object of placing China on a gold basis. In 1910, Professor Jenks returned as an advisor of the Peking Government. His present visit has no political significance, says the N.C.D. News, as Professor Jenks comes as a tourist and an old-timer come to see it all again.

"The startling facts of changing China become evident the moment one sails up the Whangpoo. The development of this tremendously vital city, from what was even 25 years ago a comparatively small town and 25 years ago a mere village, into an enormous modern metropolis is little short of astonishing. Even 15 years ago, after one reached Bubbling Well Road, one struck small houses and the ends of roads interminably. I remember going to St. John's University in 1904, a long, arduous trip from the city. We stumbled along country roads and were almost upset into a ditch as we came upon lumbering cows in the path. There are probably no cows in the streets of Shanghai today. I remember the Astor House when it was considered the finest hotel in China and yet was little enough of a hotel with a garden in front and not a very large building inside the garden.

Peking Still Ancient.

"In Peking in those days there were almost no roads at all, except the stone roads leading from the city to the Summer Palace. The city roads were unsafe and in rainy weather one might almost have sunk in them. The rickshaws were pulled along the walls, for fear they should be thrown into the wide and full ditches into which the roads drained. There were just a few motor cars in Shanghai 25 years ago and in Peking there were only two stored in the Palace, which an enterprising agent had presented to the Dowager Empress. But over in Shanghai they were inefficiently run, mostly by owner-drivers. In Peking, only the hotels and a few such places had electric lights. The streets were dark at night and in the houses lamps and candles were used. "When I came 12 years ago, the streets were not only lit, but the roads had been paved and were well kept up and there were traffic police on all the principal corners. And now, I understand, there are roads in all directions, leading far out into the country.

A Sheep Before His Shearers.

"One of the most interesting political changes is the attitude of the merchants toward the Government and politics. Now-a-days, there seems to be a keen interest in politics and a desire to participate in Government by all classes of the people. When I was here 25 years ago, the merchants had only one desire and that was to be let alone by the Government and to keep as far away from the officials as possible.

"I can recount an interesting experience. When I made my proposal for placing China on a gold basis, the suggestion was made that a National Bank should be established. It was part of my plan that the Board of Directors should consist of nine members, seven elected by the shareholders and two appointed by the Imperial Government. When I discussed this question with two Chinese bankers in Peking, one the representative of the Shansi Bankers Guild, the other the comprador of the Hongkong Bank, they both said that the presence of officials would make the whole proposition impossible. The Government might appoint inspectors or supervisors but they could not expect merchants to sit on one board with officials, for, in the presence of officials, the merchants would be

speechless. They could never disagree. They could never speak their mind. Anything might happen to them if they failed to regard the official suggestion as the final word of wisdom.

No Lack of Experts Now.

"Even in those days, the Chinese merchants and bankers were exerting a considerable indirect influence on events, but they would not go into the Government and they sought to remain as far away from officials as possible. Twelve years ago, I noticed that they had come forward in a surprisingly rapid manner and were beginning to participate in government affairs and to interest themselves increasingly in public business. Now apparently they have a vivid civic sense and are having quite a voice in the government. This is a change for the good, for it brings the Government closer to the economic middle class, which is bound to be the backbone of the economic life of any country. "Twenty-five years ago when I came to discuss the gold standard with Chinese officials, I found that there was no one in the country who had any conception of the science of money. It was often like lecturing to novices when I spoke to the highest officials. It was different 19 years ago. I found that there were a number of men who had expert knowledge on this particular subject. For instance, Dr. Chen Chun-tai was one of the best informed students of monetary science in the world and when we were at a conference in Europe at which experts of many of the principal nations were present, his pre-eminence in this particular field was noted. The appearance of the expert in Government must have produced notable changes, which I shall be interested to see on my present trip.

Before the Kin-Han Came.

"Shortly after the Boxer Rebellion, before the Peking-Hankow line was completed, I set out with some friends, to travel from Peking to Hankow. We made practically the same route that the railway now covers, diverting only from Honan to Kaifeng. In spite of all our own apprehensions and those of our friends, we found very little visible anti-foreign feeling. There was naturally much curiosity at a yellow-haired traveller passing through their villages in a sedan chair, but, except in Kaifeng itself, there were few cries against us. The people bowed to us as we passed and then rapidly rose to get a look at the blonde traveller, who looked so different from them and who was so different. There has undoubtedly always been an under-current of anti-foreign feeling, which was not evident in the large cities and which the foreign individual probably seldom experienced, for he was treated, particularly in those days, with the utmost courtesy—but the feeling was there. The younger men, 25 years ago, were not without it, particularly some who have now become great leaders. They saw little hope of saving their country from foreign aggression except as they became increasingly anti-foreign. But these ideas did not affect individual relationships at all and therefore had no superficial aspects.

The Outer Significance.

"It is impossible for me to discuss current China, as I have been here only a few days. The physical development is immediately visible. The growth of factories and mills, the apparent prosperity of all classes in a city like Shanghai, the building of roads and the money that is spent in their upkeep, are indicative of a great physical growth. The modernization of China, the political and intellectual development that is bound to accompany, or, at any rate, follow upon, physical developments such as we witness here, may be assumed. It will be interesting to visit the North and to see whether the progress there has been as rapid and as full as it has been in this great city."

Clogher, Co. Tyrone, Regional Education Committee allowed 47s. for clothing and boots to a family of father, mother, and seven children who were reported to be occupying one room, the children being without either food or clothing.

THE MAN OF MIDDLE AGE.

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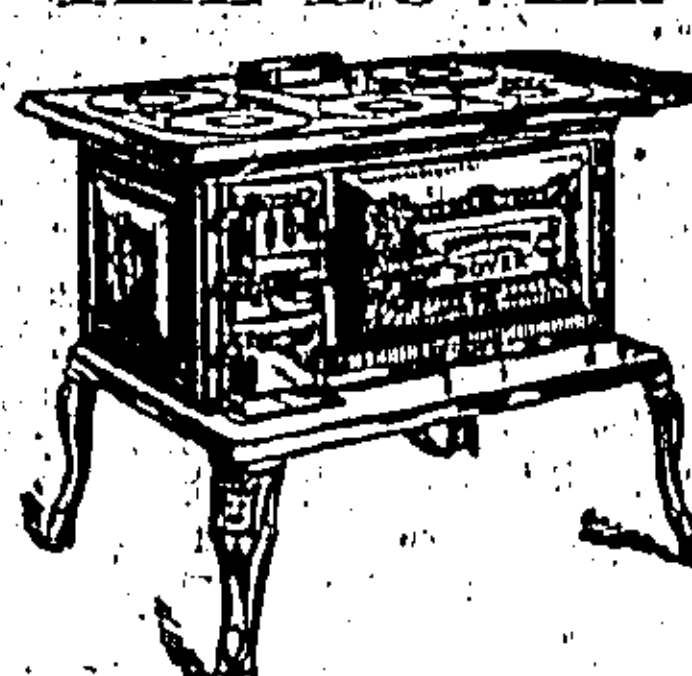
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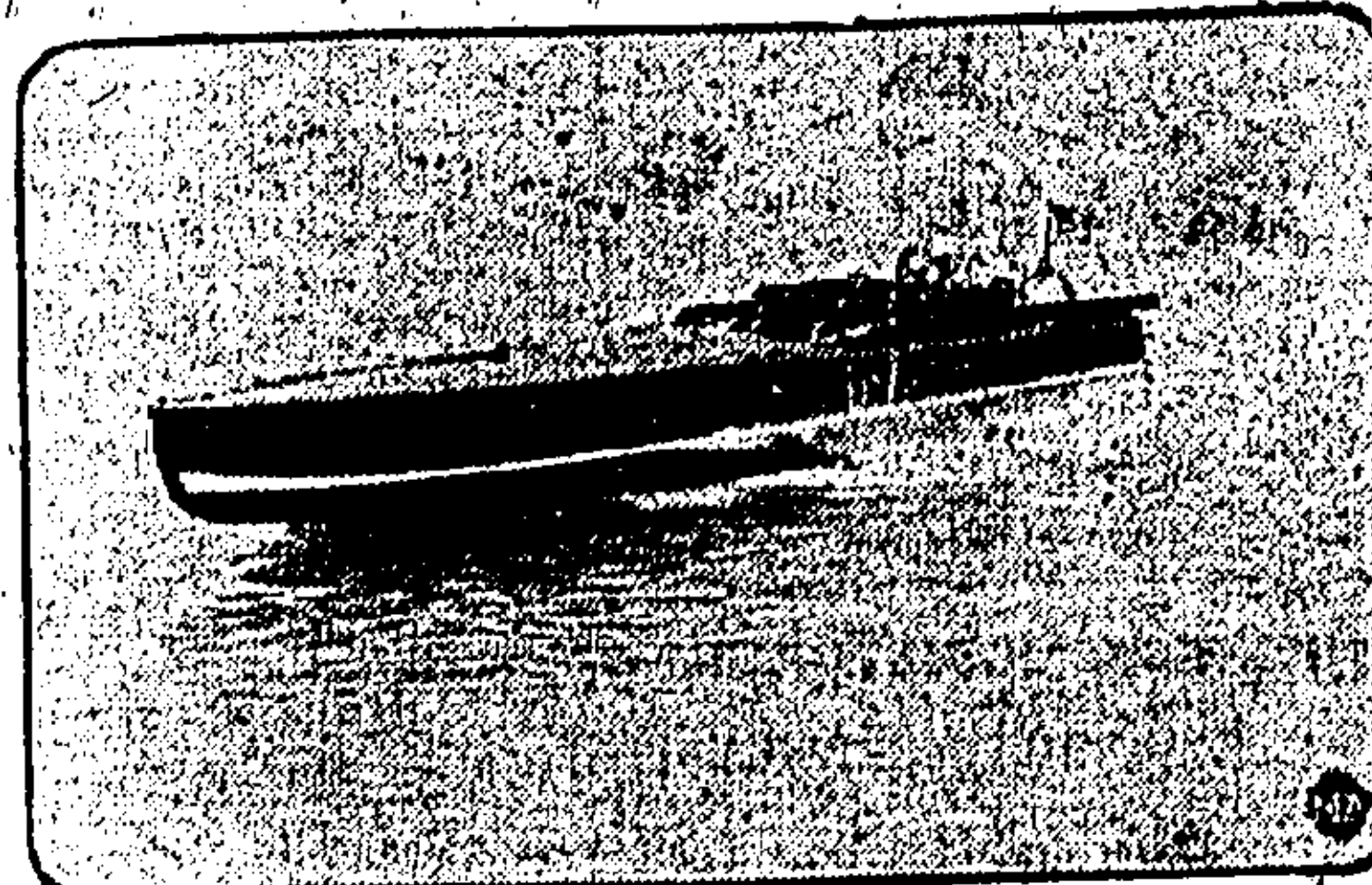
The funeral on January 24th. of Admiral of the Fleet Sir John de Robeck. The procession is seen leaving the R. N. Barracks, Portsmouth. (Times copyright).



Above is seen Mrs. Doris M. Kresge, wife of a wealthy American, leaving the Divorce Court.



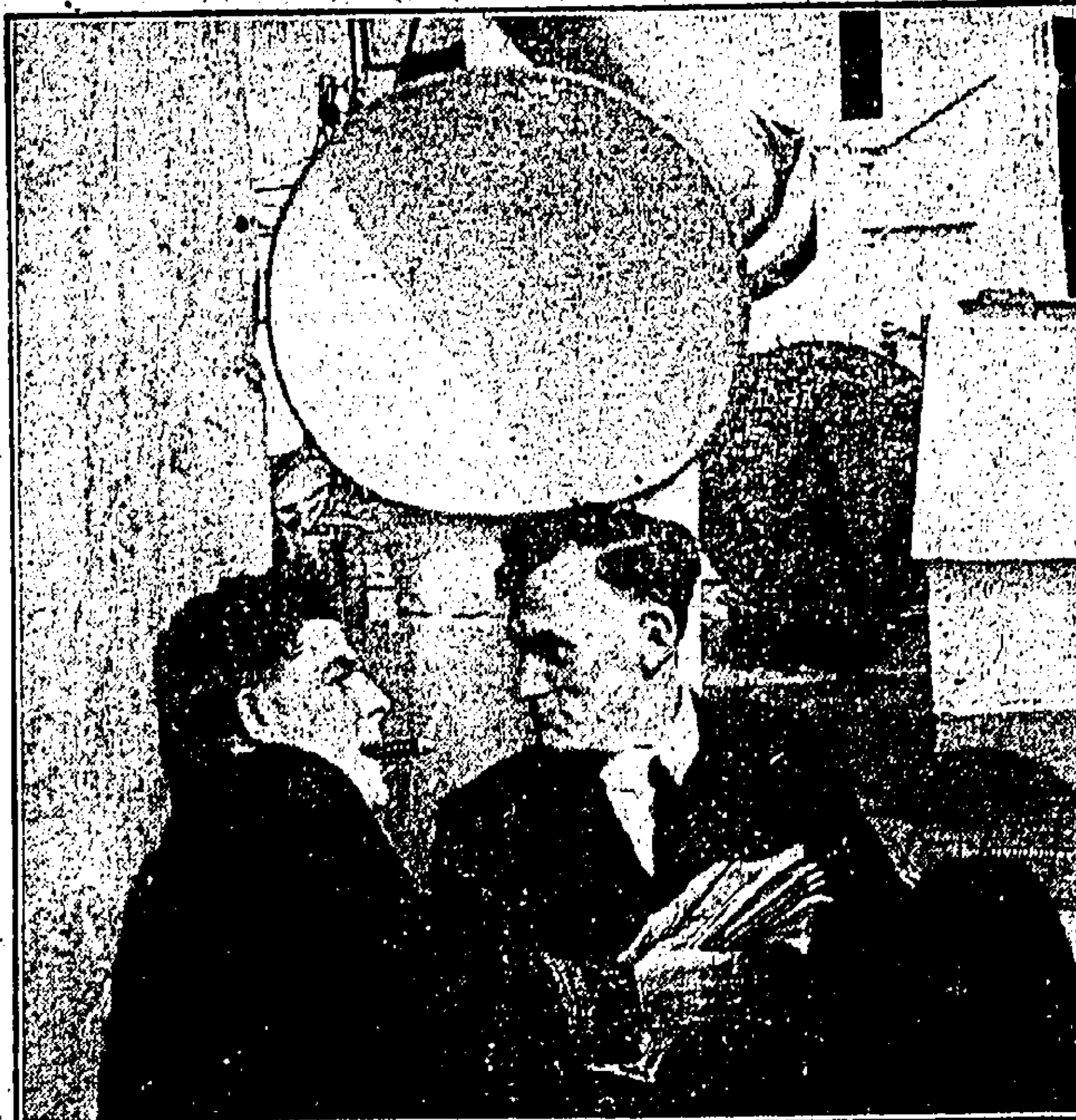
An amusing feature of the winter sports in Switzerland. Skaters are trying to propel balloons with hockey sticks. (Times copyright).



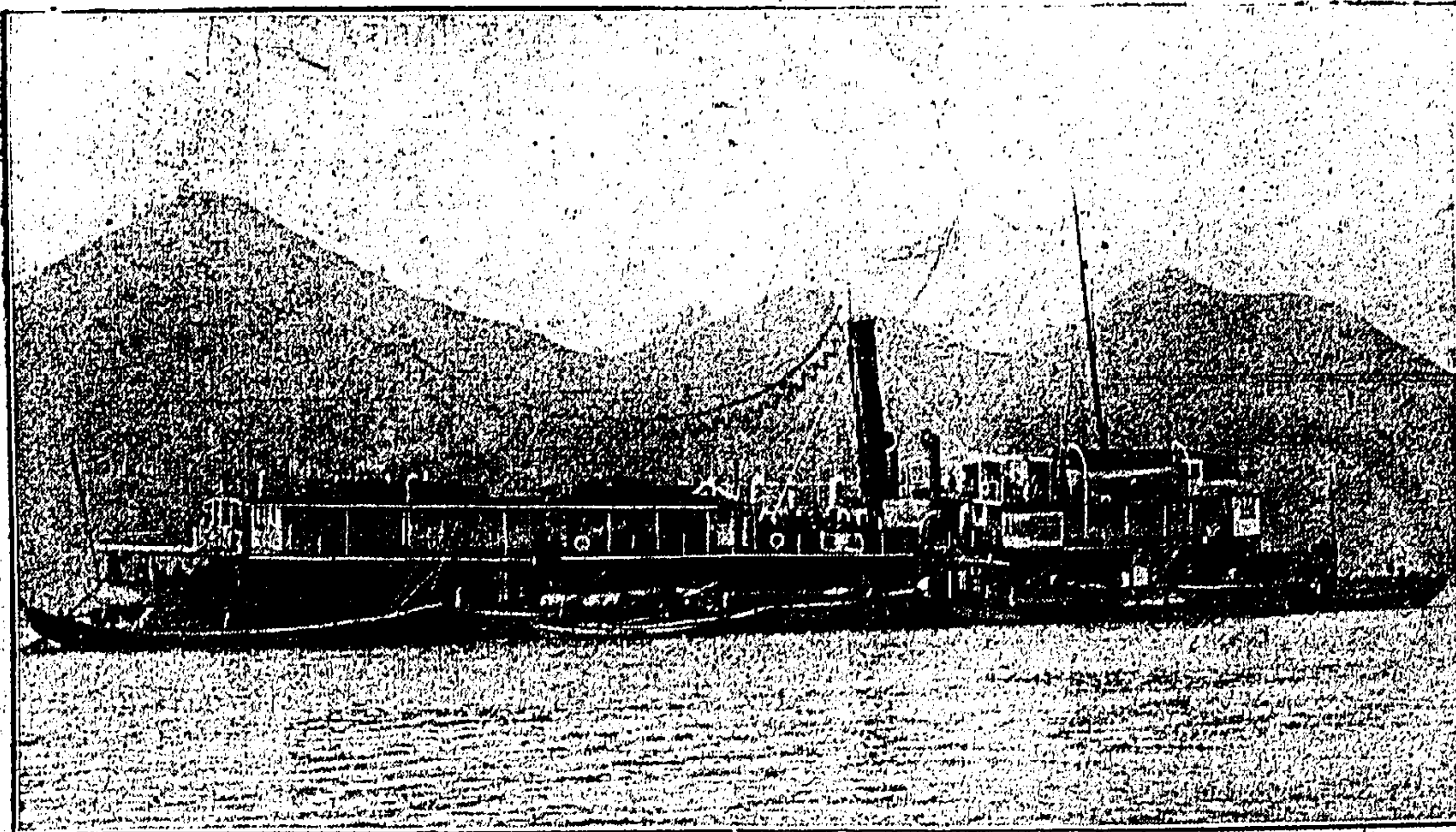
Miss America V., holder of world's motor-boat speed record, shown above, is to be challenged by Britain. The engine which created air and motor records will be used.



The British Army Rugby team (Shanghai) photographed on their way to Japan.



The Rev. Forbes Tocher (right) on board H. M. S. Aphis. (Times copyright).



The attack on the B. & S. s.s. Siangtan, when Capt. W. G. Lalor was captured, and later rescued through the courageous efforts of the Rev. Forbes Tocher, is easily recalled. Above the Siangtan is seen at anchor at Ichang. (Times copyright).



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China Auction Rooms.
Hongkong, March 1st.

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Hongkong, March 1st.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that from March 1st, 1928, the appointed attorney of Compagnie OPTORG shall be in Shanghai, 89, Avenue Edouard VII. The Hongkong business of the Company is in the hands of their Agent IP HANG FONG, in the former office, Prince's Building, 3rd floor. COMPAGNIE OPTORG by their Attorney, (Sgd.) A. DELCOURT.

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By Order

J. R. L. STANTON,
Hon. Sec. Sailing Committee.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong 1st March, 1928.

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E. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 29th Feb., 1928.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the THIRTY-SECOND Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 1927, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 10th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1928.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorized dealers of this Company for Hongkong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR CO.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE is hereby given that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD. have been appointed our authorized dealers for Hongkong and South China as from the 1st day of February, 1928.

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EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

Extra Race Meetings have been fixed provisionally for the following dates:—

17th March
7th and 9th April
26th and 28th May
23rd June
6th and 8th October
10th November
1st December

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

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NOTICE.

If the Marine Boiler left on Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 by See To Ming is not claimed and removed within fourteen (14) days, same will be sold to defray expenses.

F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1928.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The undersigned, going home on leave, begs to inform that Mr. LESDOS has been appointed local Agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes, with effect from the 25th instant.

(Sgd.) J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1927, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 27th February, 1928, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 25th Feb. 1928.

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Hongkong, 21st January, 1928.

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction:

On MONDAY, the 5th March, 1928, commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 169, The Peak (Ma Kellott Road).
A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).
On view from Sunday, the 4th March, 1928.
Terms:—Cash on Delivery.
LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Feb. 28, 1928.

The Cunard, the Union-Castle, and the Commonwealth and Dominion lines were among the shipping companies on whose behalf evidence was given at the Ministry of Transport Inquiry in opposition to the new by-laws of the Port of London Authority, permitting petrol-laden ships to proceed up the Thames as far as Purfleet.

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of the above Society.

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Mexico City, Jan. 27.—The Principal, sixteen instructors, and eight students of a Roman Catholic school have been placed under arrest as the result of a police "drive" to enforce the religious laws. The entire body of students of the Seminario de Regina were also arrested last night, but later, on the order of the Chief of Police, 110 of them were released.

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Such changes of public temperament are instantly registered at the Mint. In the boom years after the war the cry was for "Silver! More silver!" Nowadays, while there is no neglect of silver, the old fundamental penny is steadily demanded by the banks, in the course of that rather inbred custom, of theirs of buying money. It is to be noted, incidentally, that while about 2,000,000 of this year's pennies have gone into circulation, no living soul, to the knowledge of the Mint authorities, has observed that this year there is a change in the coin-of-all-work. The point of the King's neck has hitherto projected right down into the circle of lettering. In the new coins the head is smaller, and it will be seen the point of the neck stands clear of the inscription. The alteration is the outcome of the Mint's laudable desire for tidier pennies.

Self-Working Machines.

The Mint is happy in the possession of some machines which work themselves, to all intents.

Such a one is the wonderful "reducing-machine," where all coins get their first start in life. From the plaster model sent in by the artist, the Mint produces a metal replica. This is put into the machine where an arm like the point of a stylographic pen projects toward it.

A block of steel of the required size is also put in, opposite to another such point, and then the controller of this particular machine ensures that the two points are in absolute alignment. Then he sets it going and out of artistry and love of his work watches it all day.

All-night Work.

But at night he can leave it, and it goes on dutifully working all night, alone in the empty room, turning out the die, stopping automatically if and when it finishes its task. As the one point moves over the larger model, the other reproduces in perfection, but so much smaller, the raised design for the coin.

The one point traces, the other cuts, on the revolving steel. If they were not in perfect alignment, in an alignment of that perfect perfection known only to the scientific world, the cutter would cut only meaningless devices in the steel.

And how is this perfect alignment achieved? By what instrument? By the power of the human eye, obviously says the machine's controller, unwilling to speak of the human I. How does he do it? Oh, he just does it. What sort of glasses does he wear for the job? None. How very, very scientific he must look? Well, he looks as if he played a bit of light football, not too scientifically. They are like that at the Mint. Anyhow, he makes the master die, between his machine and his I, and from it they make other dies in great presses, for the Mint is always making copies, so that she never uses up her originals and divides energies and allows for accidents.

Coins Made of Coins.

So much for the Master die, but what about the Man metal, the material out of which our coins are struck? Rather a surprise, this metal. Do you know of what coins are made for the most part? Coins for the most part are made of coins. The Mint is a most careful, saving young woman.

She is making this year's coins mostly out of the worn, outworn, semi-defaced and not-as-young-as-

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE SCARLET LETTER" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Scarlet Letter" which comes to the Queen's Theatre today is an outstanding picture. Lillian Gish, heroine of "Way Down East," fills the leading role, while Lars Hanson, the new Swedish star makes his American screen debut, giving an excellent portrayal of Arthur Dimmesdale, the Puritan Pastor.

The new production is a vivid screen version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic of the days of the Puritans, and has been produced on a lavish scale. The story deals with a Puritan woman who bore a brand of shame through life to shield the man she loved, and the dramatic denouement of her terrible sacrifice. Miss Gish as the ill-starred "Hester Prynne," has one of the most remarkable emotional roles in her career, under the direction of Victor Seastrom, famous as the producer of "He Who Gets Slapped." Karl Dane plays a rough, uncouth giant of a man, the father-confessor of the Puritans in trouble. Throughout the dramatic story he is the devoted friend of Hester Prynne. "The Scarlet Letter" will be shown at the usual times until Saturday.

"Introduce Me" at Star Theatre.

A delightful picture with an interesting story is "Introduce Me," which commences its run at the Star Theatre to-day where it will be shown, till Saturday. Douglas MacLean, who has the leading part is as entertaining as ever in the role of the old fashioned, backward youth, who has a more modern young man for a friend. These two are in love with the same girl, and at first it is the same girl, and later, however, after a stay in Switzerland, where Douglas is mistaken for a famous alpine climber whose identity he is forced to assume, the girl finally realises that she has been in love with the wrong man and hastens to make amends. Amusing complications play a great part in making "Introduce Me" one of MacLean's best comedies.

"Confessions of a Queen" To-day.

"Confessions of a Queen," Victor Seastrom's film version of the novel by Alphonse Daudet, "Kings in Exile," will be screened at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. This picture marks the revival of the acting team of Alice Terry and Lewis Stone, who appeared together in such productions as "The Prisoner of Zenda," and "Scaramouche." They, of course, play the role of the King and Queen. John Howers is also a leading man of importance. Helena D'Algy who made her film debut with Rudolph Valentino in "The Sainted Devil," Frankie Dano the boy actor, Eugenie Besserer, Joseph Dowling and many others made up a large cast.

"Are the people prepared to put Mr. Lloyd George back into power, when they remember all the disasters which befell the country when he was Prime Minister, the loss of prestige in India and the difficulties at home?" said the Marquess of Salisbury, Lord Privy Seal, at Darwen (Lancashire). "The truth is that nobody trusts Mr. Lloyd George, and if Sir Herbert Samuel is going to be the supporter and possibly a colleague of Mr. Lloyd George, then that ought to settle the matter so far as the Darwen Division is concerned."

It was coinage which burned the candle at both ends in the days when money was money under Victoria and Edward. Georgian coinage is coming in too, for the banks who withdraw it from circulation have a rapidly maturing taste in antiques.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

House Decorations.

THE PAINTED ALCOVE APPEARS.

Houses are being built in France just now in which the alcove is a prominent feature. Often it takes the form of the alcove found in the eighteenth century for a statue or a large vase. The difference between it and the earlier kind is that it is very often a space in the wall which is left between various cupboards in the wall of the room adjoining. Sometimes shelves are put up in it in the ordinary way, and these are used for books or china.

A newer method is to decorate the alcove. This may be done in conjunction with shelves or ornaments, or the alcove may really be a picture. Sometimes a sent is put in it, and above this the wall is painted or frescoed. Generally some intimate design is chosen. If there is a garden to the house, a part of the garden may be painted in the alcove. Sometimes a family incident is chosen, and then treated amusingly after a Chinese or other exotic convention.

In town houses, birds or flowers look well in the alcove. One effective form of decoration was to paint the alcove like a window with a plant in front of it. The convention was such as to preclude any suggestion of imitation, which would bring the subject to the level of sham books. The painting of the alcove is, of course, strictly in accordance with the decoration of the rest of the room. While it might easily be too like scenery, a clever painter with a sense of form or even a sense of humour can make an entirely new feature of it.

Riviera Style.



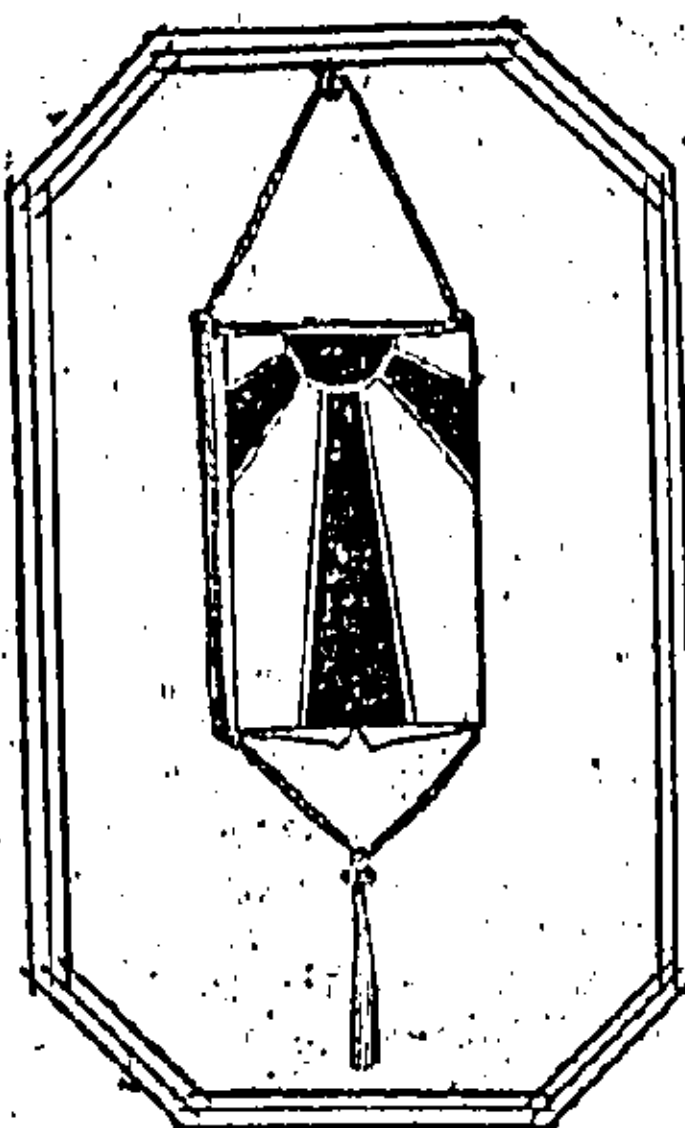
A tiered crepe frock with matching hat which has been created for the Riviera.

"Yes John!"

DON'T PUT YOUR HUSBAND ON A PEDESTAL.

I once went to see a play which portrayed the utter devotion, from girlhood to old age, of a woman to her husband. It was a beautiful

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play, but one thing, obviously meant to be effective, spoiled it for me. The wife kept on saying to her husband—"Yes, John!"

And she said it in a meekly-mild, milkily-mushy, butter-won't-melt-in-my-mouth kind of tone that made me want to shudder. Every time.

She said, in fact, though not in actual words, "I'm mental doormat and a moral dummy, and isn't it beautiful?"

It set me wondering how many wives spend hours of their lives spoiling down their husbands with—"Yes, John!"

"Too many wives, I fancy. 'Yes, John!' 'Certainly, John!' 'I quite agree, John!'"

Well, don't agree with him—always. Not even outwardly. I know its diplomatic to appear to give in sometimes. It makes the dear man veer round to one's opinion. Sometimes.

But I'm talking of the sort of wife who doesn't ever want him to veer round. Doesn't expect it. Never thought of it. And would be shocked if she got it!

The wife who has pampered and petted her John until she's not only a dummy and a doormat but a hypocrite as well.

Of course, she doesn't even dimly suspect she's a hypocrite. But she is. For what woman with a grain of character will always agree with her husband in everything he says? Never having an opinion of her own, or never being brave enough to air it?

Heavens, what a tame existence! Modern husbands aren't bullies or tyrants. Generally, they're ordinary, nice-minded, generous, tire-some, workaday creatures.

Only—well, you know what flattery does.

If you stick a man on a sky-high pedestal, he'll soon begin to imagine that he grew there, just naturally, and it's his rightful place.

Then it's good-bye to any sort of life for the woman. She merely exists.

She'd have done far better to learn to say sometimes, kindly but firmly, "No, John!"

NORA CASSERA.

Modern Homes.

STAINED GLASS FOR DECORATING.

Stained glass of modern design and production is steadily gaining ground as a means of decoration in the up-to-date home. Small panels and circles are inset in windows for decoration sake alone, but complete windows are fashioned in it either to shut off an undesirable outlook or give a measure of privacy where the window is overlooked.

The work of the modern artists in stained glass is quite in keeping with the times. They depict landscapes, gardens, ships at sea (steamers as well as sailing ships), and up-to-date sports. There is something breezy and attractive about a golfing or a tennis panel for the garden door. For the nursery, typical childish subjects and fairy figures are used, and these combined with lightly arranged and narrow leads are altogether suitable for their purpose, throwing colour into the room and delighting the eye without in any way obscuring what precious sunshine is available.

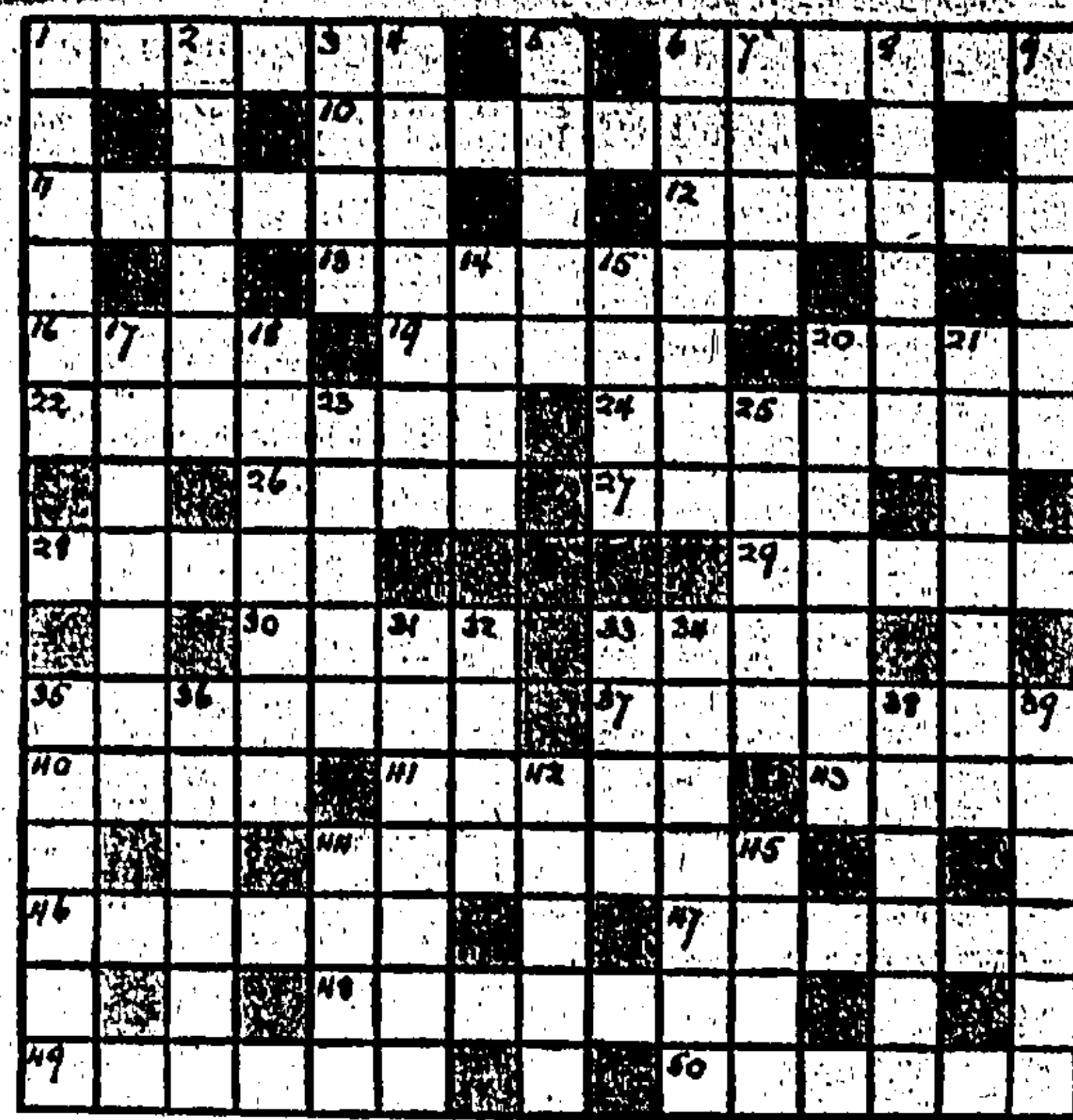
Of course, for those who cannot afford to install a complete window, there are always the delightful hanging panels and roundels which may be suspended against the ordinary window-pane. Flowers and fruits in conventional designs are very much used for these panels, and as they cover but a small part of the window, deeper and more brilliant staining is possible than in complete windows.

A Spring Model.



Above is pictured a grey crepe ensemble with a smartly applied sweater, and a dainty little felt hat.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

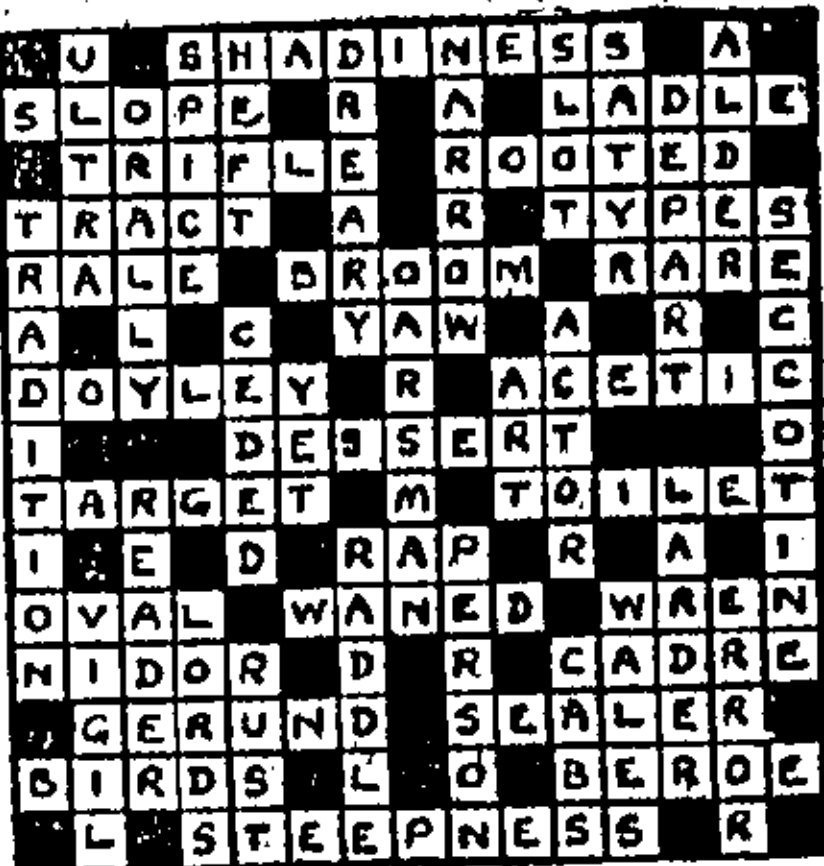
- 1 Resembles a crown.
- 6 Frisked about.
- 10 Arbitrator.
- 11 Extract forcibly.
- 12 Clergyman.
- 13 Drawing.
- 16 Lazy.
- 19 Pace.
- 20 Individual entry.
- 22 Burn.
- 24 Menders.
- 26 Beverages.
- 27 Ardour.
- 28 About.
- 29 Pertaining to rum.
- 30 Prefix meaning "air".
- 31 You.
- 35 Rain.
- 37 Large species of wasps.
- 40 At one time.
- 41 Dolls.
- 43 Allowance for waste.
- 44 Diallike.
- 46 Liquid measure.
- 47 Adorning.
- 48 Bestowed.
- 49 Moves forward impetuously.
- 50 Large species of black-birds.

Down.

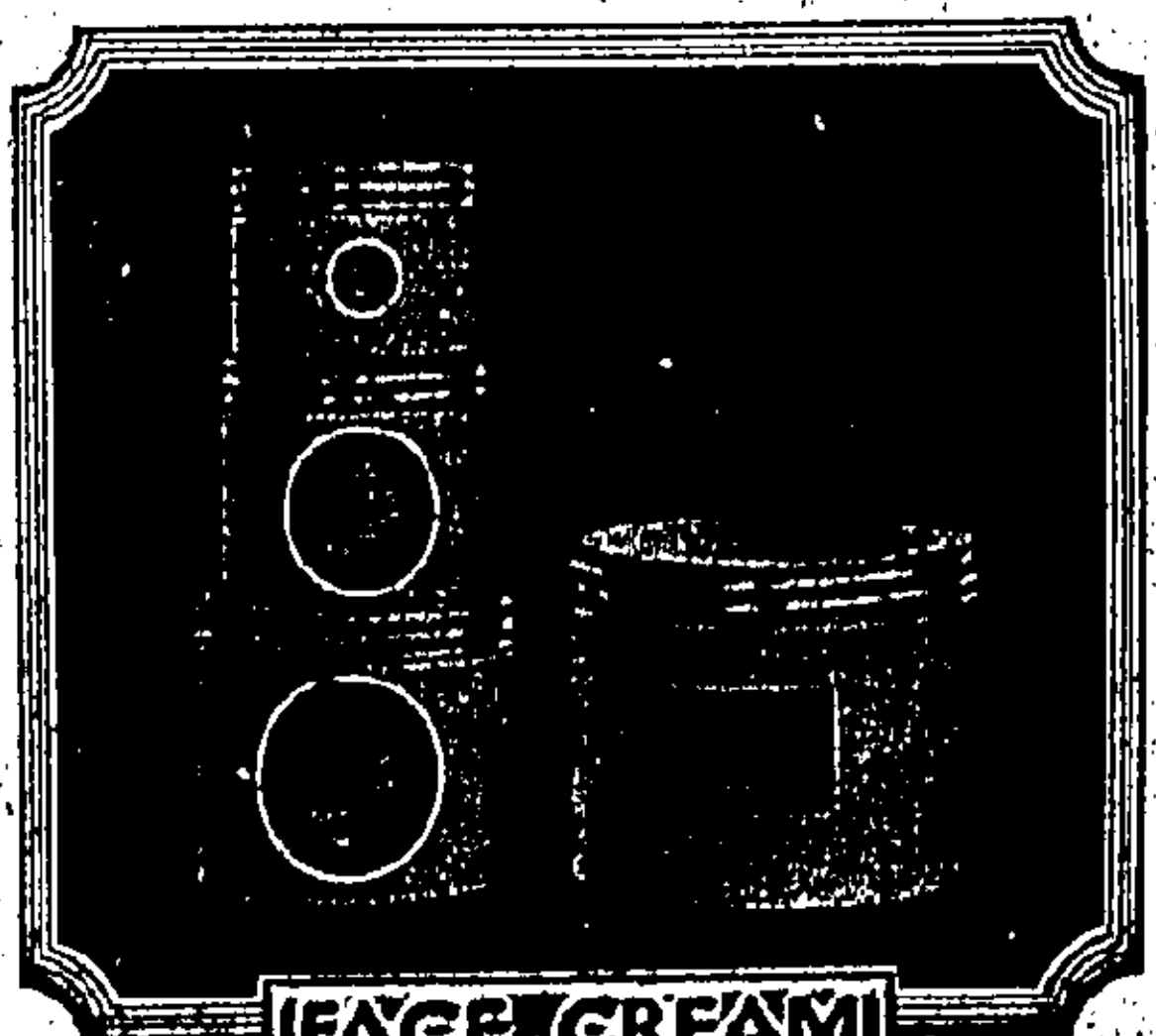
- 1 Clergyman.
- 2 Baby's toy.
- 3 Spikenard.
- 4 One peculiarly skilful in an art.
- 5 Mourning song.
- 6 Consisting of tons.
- 7 Generic name of wake-robin.
- 8 Not gaudy.
- 9 Visions.

- 14 Imitates.
- 15 Advice.
- 17 Incubated.
- 18 Flow forth.
- 20 Insinuating.
- 21 Hermit.
- 23 Change.
- 25 More uncommon.
- 31 Rats.
- 32 Introduction to a proclamation.
- 33 At that time.
- 34 Stable-boy.
- 35 Dutch fishing-vessel.
- 36 Balances.
- 38 Stout.
- 39 Elevated platforms.
- 42 At no time.
- 44 Got up.
- 45 Used in washing.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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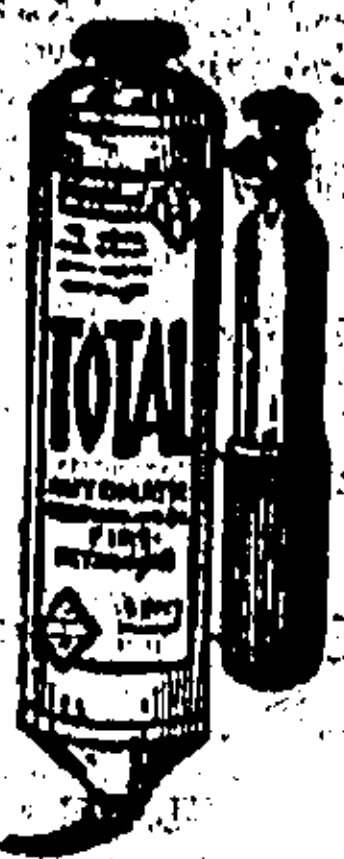
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Mr. and Mrs. A. Rahim and Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Wajah wish to express their warmest thanks to their relatives and friends for their attendance at the funeral, floral tributes and letters of condolence in their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hoare, for their kind and valuable aid during the deceased's illness.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1928.

PEKING AND THE POWERS.

In the sense that it reflects a friendly attitude towards the Powers in general, the statement of foreign policy just made by Mr. Lo Wen-kan, the new Foreign Minister in Peking, is to be commended. Whilst giving prominence to China's plea for the revision of the so-called unequal treaties, Mr. Lo asserts his conviction that the Powers are sincere in their attitude towards his country, and he therefore hopes that steps will be taken to devise concrete plans for meeting China's aspirations. North and South alike, according to the new Foreign Minister, are united on the question of treaty revision, for the fortunes of the nation depend on the realisation of this common aim.

The trouble of the whole problem, however, is that although there may be unity of purpose between North and South on the main points of international relations, no effort is being made by China to meet the Powers, either together or individually, in order that matters may be straightened out. The fault for that circumstance does not lie with the foreign nations. Mr. Lo himself evidently realises that point when he states that while the country is in the throes of civil strife, no satisfactory adjustment can be expected. The position therefore is that, whilst willing to adjust treaties with China, the Powers have no-one with whom to negotiate. This point has been well stressed in many declarations by Sir Austen Chamberlain and also, recently, in his speeches at Canton, by Sir Miles Lampson. Mr. Lo makes mention of declarations of this type and he seems convinced that they are made in all sincerity. So far as Britain is concerned, there can be no doubt on that point. Not only have we made professions of our friendship; we have demonstrated it by actual deeds. On the larger issues of our relations with China, we are patiently

awaiting an opportunity to do the right thing, whilst in regard to lesser, though by no means unimportant, questions we have made it clear that our policy is to deal with regional authorities. That is as much as can be expected at the moment, and if the realisation of China's full aims are not attained, the blame certainly cannot be laid at our doors.

We are happy to think that, after the dark days of the past two years, there is a growing recognition amongst the Chinese that Britain's attitude towards them is based on true sincerity and friendship. At long last, our policy of patience and conciliation is being justified. We have had to put up with all manner of indignities in the interim, but serious as some of these have been, we can afford largely to forget the past, provided there is manifested a willingness to meet our friendly overtures in the same spirit in which we advance them. Of course, the better way in which to deal with international relations would be by direct negotiation with China as a unit, but, until that is possible, much can be achieved by negotiation with regional authorities. This, to use Sir Miles Lampson's phrase, can pave the way and create the atmosphere for an ultimate general settlement. And its value in this regard cannot be overestimated.

Police Telephones.

The Captain Superintendent of Police was unusually candid in his reply to the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotschall, who has suggested that street telephones should be installed at Shamshui and Kowloon City in order to facilitate public warnings to the police.

Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe is afraid that thieves would have the audacity to steal the instruments, and makes an alternative proposal that public telephones might be installed in police sentry boxes. Our own feeling with regard to criminals and their propensity to stealing is that the situation is neither so serious, nor does it possess such a humorous aspect as is apparently suggested, but if Mr. Wolfe's idea is the correct one, the argument in favour of the installation of police telephones in the streets becomes still more valid. The telephones would be of exceptional value to police patrols, victims of robberies or witnesses of serious accidents, who may be seeking the aid of ambulances. We feel that the efficient administration of the law in this Colony would be better organised by an extension of the scheme beyond the bounds suggested by the Chinese Member of the Legislative Council if the telephone boxes are connected directly to the nearest police station. The ability quickly to get into communication with his superiors would also do much to remove the disadvantage in which a Chinese or Indian policeman often finds himself in a sudden emergency, and we would advocate a more careful survey of the possibilities of Mr. Kotschall's suggestion.

Outlawing War.

There is an air of testiness in Mr. Kellogg's Reply to M. Briand's Note relative to the treaty outlawing war between France and America. He says that if the Members of the League of Nations cannot, without violating the terms of the Covenant, agree among themselves and with the American Government to denounce war, then it seems idle to discuss either bilateral or multilateral treaties. In spite of the "Senate reservation" in the United States treaties, which he refrains from mentioning, Mr. Kellogg condemns the effort to limit the scope of the treaty to "aggressors"—a term which has yet to be defined. This quick change of temper at Washington may give a pause to a promising movement. Does America feel that since she is acting from the purest of motives nothing should be allowed to stand in her path? If so, we are inclined to the idea that the United States has not had enough diplomatic setbacks. There are many Conventions and treaties drawn up by various international interests which have still to be ratified by the majority of the Powers which concerned themselves with the negotiations. The reason for this often enough is that difficulties have arisen later which render ratification extremely dangerous. If, in consideration of international understandings, less attention is paid to getting things down on paper and more to a thorough diagnosis of what they contain, misunderstandings will be less frequent. M. Briand appears to have adopted the attitude that France does not desire to bind herself to an agreement to find later that alterations and amendments are essential. If this is the correct view of the situation, M. Briand is travelling along the safe road to international amity.

DAY BY DAY.

WHATEVER ELSE EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND CONTROVERSIALISTS ARE ABOUT JUST NOW, EVERYBODY AGREES THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE IS Largely A TEACHER QUESTION.—Archbishop of Canterbury.

A further Chinese case of typhoid was notified yesterday.

The s.s. Australia was berthed at Kowloon Dock at noon to-day, for bottom cleaning.

Mrs. Ralphs has consented to distribute the prizes at the Central British School on Thursday, March 8.

It is advertised that Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa's auction rooms have removed to No. 6 Duddell Street, Ground Floor.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell will speak on "Personal Experiences in Russian Turkestan," at the Helena May Institute on Monday, 5th March, at 6.30 p.m.—Adv.

The s.s. Kwangchow, arriving from Swatow and Bangkok, with 13 deck passengers, reports the death of one male en route from tuberculosis. The body was landed at Swatow.

Miss Capell wishes it to be known that the person holding raffle ticket No. 33, drawn at Queen's Theatre recently, can have the prize on application to the Anderson Music Company.

Work will be begun early next week on a new building for the Sun Company to occupy part of the site of their present premises. This has necessitated a rearrangement of the departments.

The Government launch Stanley, which went aground off Capt. Collinson early yesterday morning, was later refloated and returned to Hongkong under her own steam. No serious damage was caused, but she has gone into Kowloon Dock for survey.

During the past five days, five European babies have been born in the maternity ward of the Victoria Hospital at Barker road. Curiously enough, all five are boys. One of them was born yesterday, February 29th, and therefore will only have a birthday once in four years.

On Monday evening, at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, there is to be a debate on the motion—"That the Cinema exerts a greater influence on public opinion than the Press." Mr. P. Sands will move the resolution and Mr. G. S. Zimmerman will second it, whilst the opposition will be led by Mr. H. G. Hughes and Mrs. W. Fuld.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 12 departures, of which nine and four respectively were British, the best nationality of the day, leaving 74 vessels in harbour, British 24. Tonnage was comparatively good, but freights were generally low, there being only four of four figures inward and two of four figures outward registries, and British the through transit.

FERRY INCIDENT.

ALLEGED ASSAULT ON EMPLOYEE.

The Star Ferry Company were mentioned as the complainants in a series of summonses taken out against a Chinese, before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

When the case was called, however, it was stated that defendant could not be found at the address given. The summonses were therefore adjourned for one week. The defendant, who had given his address as "No. 25, Cooke Street, was charged with assaulting L. M. S. Sheriff, an employee of the Star Ferry Company, with attempting to board the ferry in an improper manner, and with attempting to embark without paying his fare.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Feb. 29.
Paris	124
Brussels	35.02
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.21
Helsinki	34.625
Stockholm	103 1/2
Oslo	79.44
Bucharest	2.9/2
Buenos Aires	47.29/32
Shanghai	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
New York	4.87 29/32
Genoa	25.84
Milan	92.20
Stockholm	18.18
Prague	18.32
Madrid	22.28
Athens	80.84
Rio	5.69/04
Bombay	1/6.81/32
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	26.8/10
Silver (forward)	26.8/16

—British Wireless.

WONDER GRAMA-PHONE.

PLAYS TWELVE RECORDS IN SEQUENCE.

A demonstration given yesterday afternoon by the management of Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co., of two recent models of gramophones, reveals the high state of development that has been reached in the art of sound reproduction.

One of the instruments, called the Automatic Orthophonic Victrola, is certainly a wonderful piece of mechanism. It can be loaded with as many as twelve records at a time and, once it is started, cares for itself until the last record is played. No handling is necessary for changing the records; a device fitted around the disc, doing all that is required. The same device fetches from a nearby spindle on to the playing disc, and the music continues until there are no more records on the spindle, when the mechanism automatically stops.

A particularly marvellous feature of this wonder instrument is a reject button, which, when pressed, causes the automatic removal of any record which fails to please. The removal can be effected even in the middle of a tune, without any handling of the instrument or the record.

The spindle holding the records stands by the side of the revolving disc, and a record-loader slips the records on to the spindle. When a record is loaded the sound box quickly places itself in position, and is switched away when the tune has come to an end.

The second instrument, called the Electrola Orthophonic Victrola, plays records at various volumes—soft as well as loud. In the course of the demonstration of this instrument yesterday some idea of its sound-volume possibilities were gained by the fact that while a piano selection was being played, the whole of Messrs. Moutrie's premises reverberated with the tones of the piano and passers-by in the street paused to listen to the volume of sound.

Both instruments are fitted with a device for eliminating the sound usually produced by the scratching of the needle over the records. The scratch-filter so thoroughly lives up to its name that it is difficult, even by the closest listening, to detect any sound other than the music.

The Electrola is certainly an ideal instrument for use at concert parties—it might even replace a band. The loading and changing of records is not automatic in this instrument.

Both instruments are operated by electricity, but there is no complicated mechanism to be watched, as the gramophones can be operated by simply "pressing a button."

There is, at the moment, one of each instrument in stock at Messrs. Moutrie's and it is learned that the price in Hongkong is about \$1,500 each. Machines can be delivered in about a month after receipt of an order.

COMDR. HARTFORD'S RESIGNATION.

OFFICIAL APPRECIATION OF POLICE SERVICES.

As already announced, Commander G. B. Hartford, D.S.O., R.N., has been compelled, owing to private affairs, to tender his resignation as Deputy Superintendent of the Hongkong Police Reserve. In forwarding an intimation to this effect to the Captain Superintendent of Police, Commander Hartford expressed his thanks to Mr. Wolfe and to all ranks of the Hongkong Police with whom he had come in contact for their sympathy and help in his work in connexion with the Reserve.

Commander Hartford has been officially thanked for his valuable services, the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. E. R. Hallifax) having forwarded him, under date of February 24th, a letter in the following terms:—"I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to express to you, on the occasion of your resignation from the office of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) his high appreciation of the services which you have rendered to the Police Force and especially to the Police Reserve. His Excellency regards the numbers and the efficient state of the Police Reserve as a proof of the success with which you have handled this delicate problem. His Excellency also considers your voluntary assumption of these arduous duties to be a splendid example of public spirit and zeal."

Kwangsai Party Approached.

Hankow, Feb. 29.
Li Chung-yen is expected to arrive in Hankow shortly in order to confer with the Kwangsai party. —Naval Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The laird was very pleased to see that a colony of rooks were building in the trees on his estate. Not so a neighbouring farmer, however, who told his sons to shoot the birds.

One day the farmer had a note from the laird—"Dear sir,—You might stop your sons from shooting my rooks. I want to make a rookery."

A few hours later the laird received the following reply—"Dear sir,—You might stop your rooks from stealing my corn. I want to make a living."

London's old established men's clubs frown upon the lead set by the Junior Carlton Club, where a proposal has been put forward to admit women as associate members. Secretaries say there is "nothing doing."

Booth's, the Carlton Club, White's, the Junior Army and Navy Club and the Royal Aero Club positively that they have no intention of altering their rules in the way contemplated by members of the Junior Carlton. In this connexion the secretary of the Booth's Club said proudly that no women have ever entered Booth's and there are no indications at present that they ever will.

Asked if a proposal to even allow women to have a meal with a member might be considered, the secretary retorted emphatically: "No—never!"

"If at first they don't get into the clubs as members they get in as waitresses—since the war this happened in one of the most sternly and learnedly masculine institutions—then as guests; then as associates," says one writer. "Time will show. But we doubt the loud never, never of the secretaries."

A girl attended Clerkenwell County Court to act as interpreter for her mother, an Italian, who wanted to talk. Mr. Registrar Friend: Will you please tell your mother to be quiet? Girl (pulling the woman's sleeve): Mother, shut up!

Man accused of being drunk and incapable at Kingston. Some one gave me half a sovereign yesterday, and I don't remember anything afterwards.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court: Did you ever know a man who wanted your money who did not brag about his wealth? You have not to live long in this district to find that out.

Haggerston woman of her neighbour: She thinks that she is the only woman in the street, but I'm on earth.

Barriester addressing the jury in an accident case at Shoreditch County Court: When it is your turn to be knocked down in the street, as naturally it will be—

Teacher—"Name a great German of the last century."
Smart Boy—"Please, sir, Bismuth."

He was a travelling agent of the most aggressive type, and he seemed determined to sell his "line" to the housewife.

"Our machines are the finest on the market," he persisted. "Of course, you may say that you are unable to use a machine. I will remove that objection in two lessons. I will call upon you to-morrow."

When the agent called the next day, the door was opened by a burly man, who inquired, "Are you the agent who called yesterday?"

"Yes," was the reply. "I—"
"Well, I'm busy, the undertaker. Our coffins are the finest on the market. Of course, you may say that you are scarcely qualified for a coffin, but I will remove that objection in less than ten seconds—"
But the agent had fled.

Details of how a former cripple is now able to walk alone are given in a letter written to The London Mirror by Miss A. M. Whithead, of Belvedere, Prestbury, Cheshire. She states: "May Hastings, of Cheltenham, now staying in the Burgage, Prestbury, was bedridden for over four and a half years, following an accident, the best medical and surgical skill having failed to cure her. Now, thanks to the skill of Dr. Phelps, she is walking well, and has twice travelled alone to Birmingham for further treatment. Many people who are now hopeless invalids might be cured if only the skill of the various members of the British Osteopathic Association was more widely known."

Defeated jockey—"Well, anyhow, I wasn't last. There were two horses behind me."
Digested Supporter—"Garn, there was the first two in the next race."

The prize-giving of St. Stephen's College will take place in the Great Hall of St. Stephen's Girls College, on Friday, March 2, at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Mok Koon-sang will distribute the prizes. Friends and Old Boys are requested to attend.

BIG MORTGAGE APPEAL.**SERIOUS ALLEGATION BY MR. POTTER.****DELIBERATE PERJURY BY THE INTERPRETER ALLEGED.****WITNESS'S MEMORY.**

Deliberate perjury by the interpreter, Leung Wing-cheung, was a further allegation made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., when the minors' mortgage case was resumed before the Full Court of Appeal.

Mr. Potter again stated his opinion that the solicitor's interpreters concerned had every inducement to prevent a hitch in the arrangement of the mortgage, and deliberately kept the youthful appellants in ignorance of the meaning of coming of age.

Mr. Potter, with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, is appearing for two appellants, Leo Kwong-hin and Leo Kwong-lam.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin is conducting the case for the defendants, Li Koon-chun and Kan Tong-po.

Meaning of Phrase.

This morning, Mr. Potter referred to the meaning of the words "induced the defendants to become parties to the mortgage" which was discussed yesterday afternoon when Mr. Justice Wood said he understood the meaning to be that they did not become parties until the money was paid, a meaning with which Mr. Potter said he respectfully disagreed.

Mr. Potter accepted entirely what Mr. Justice Wood and Mr. Jenkin said, but submitted that the words did not bear that meaning. Once they had completed the conveyance the property became vested in the two defendants. The property had passed, the moment the money was paid. It was perfectly sound in law, he contended, that once the property had passed to the mortgagees they could not avoid it.

Dealing with the evidence as affecting Leo Kwong-lam, Mr. Potter referred to Li Koon-chun's statement that Soong, the interpreter, was asked if Lam was of age, and Soong replied in the affirmative. Lam did not say so, Mr. Potter pointed out.

Importance of Age.

Continuing, Mr. Potter said there was literally no evidence that the importance of age was brought to Lam's mind, even if he had heard Soong's statement that he was of age. He submitted it was worthy of most consideration that Li Koon-chun had declared he had forgotten all about such an important representation or misrepresentation when first asked to give particulars, and only remembered it a couple of weeks before the trial of the action commenced.

What conversations had passed between Li and other people Mr. Potter did not know. Obviously it was a matter that would be discussed and he suggested that the recollection was, maybe quite honestly, the outcome of conversations.

"It is so easy as time goes on to recollect things which, quite often, have not happened at all." The defendants had frankly admitted they were worried because the plaintiffs looked young and had admitted that they did not ask the crucial question, as to when they were born.

Mr. Leung Wing-cheung had stated that Li Koon-chun asked him (Leung) if the plaintiffs were of age. He in turn asked Soong, who replied that they were all of age. Lum tapped his chest and said, "I am of age."

Although both defendants, Li and Kan were present, commented Mr. Potter, they did not depose to that at all.

They could not have it both ways. If it did happen and the defendants did not hear it, then it was equally likely that the plaintiffs did not hear it. The only other explanation was that it did not happen. He would give reason why Leung was not a witness whom they could take seriously.

Of Vital Importance.

With the utmost deference to the trial judge, Leung was the one witness called by the defendants, whose credibility should have been tested by the judge. His Lordship had stated in his judgment that "it is not material to this case to assess the credibility of the evidence on this point."

Mr. Potter submitted that it was of vital importance. If the witness had perjured himself on that point, said Mr. Potter, he was not only a perjured witness but had also received \$15,000, and therefore a man not at all likely to have communicated to the infants anything which might have pre-

ANOTHER UNRATIFIED CONVENTION.**MANY RESERVATIONS BY OTHER POWERS.**

London, Feb. 29.
Another unratified Convention was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Capt. D. H. Hacking, Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, said the Convention for the abolition of import and export prohibition and restrictions recently signed at Geneva, had not yet been ratified by any country.

A further Conference was to be held in the summer to examine the conditions as to the coming into force of the Convention, and it was not possible to advise ratification before the results of that Conference were known. Since the Convention was signed there had been many reservations handed in by other Powers and that was the reason why "they were convening a new assembly which would probably be held in June."—*British Wireless.*

DAIRY FARM.**ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

The annual report of the Hongkong Dairy Farm, Lee and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., states:

The profit for the period under review after writing off \$119,435.70 for depreciation, \$212,232.06 off share investments, placing \$14,771.20 to reserve against bad and doubtful debts and providing for directors' and auditors' fees, amounts to \$266,604.79 which includes the sum of \$28,064.70 brought forward from last year's account. It is proposed to deal with the above balance of \$266,604.79 as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 200,000 shares, \$250,000; to carry forward, \$16,604.79.

Directors.—Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. J. J. Paterson having resigned, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. A. B. Stewart were invited to fill the vacancies.

Retiring Directors.—Mr. T. G. Weall and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Audit.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Percy Smith and Fleming who offer themselves for re-election.

OBITUARY.

The late Marshal Diaz, the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army, whose death is reported to-day.

vented the settlement from going through.

Mr. Potter suggested that Leung was quite capable of suppressing the true position of the infants.

Sir Henry Gollan:—Your point is that they did not intend to let the boys know what they were going in for?—Yes, my Lord, and they had every inducement not to.

"Deliberate Perjury."

Mr. Potter continued that Leung had had seven or eight days before the trial to prepare his answer and the circumstances would compel a tribunal trying the case to come to a conclusion that Leung did receive his five per cent. They could trace the five per cent. by producing the cheques.

Leung's explanation of that, and the only one, was that it was payment for a debt, but it was significant that the date on the cheque was February 10, the day of the mortgage.

"I submit," added Mr. Potter, "that Leung was not a witness of truth and that he has deliberately perjured himself by preparing this story and coming into the box and telling it. If that is true then no court should pay any attention to his evidence at all."

The case is proceeding.

OFFICIAL CANTON VISIT.**MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM AND PARTY DUE TO-MORROW.****FULL PROGRAMME.**

A very cordial reception has been arranged by the Hongkong Government and local organisations in honour of Marshal Li Chai-sum and party, on their arrival from Canton by the gunboat Fei Ying to-morrow.

The party is due to arrive at 10 a.m. and there will be an official landing at Queen's Pier at 10.15 a.m. As the Fei Ying enters port, she will salute with 21 guns which will be answered by the Official Saluting Battery. Marshal Li will be further saluted on landing at Queen's Pier, where he will be met by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), and a guard of honour.

At 12.30 p.m., Marshal Li will lunch at Government House; members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and leading members of the Chinese community being invited.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, will also be present.

Sir Miles Lampson is returning North to-morrow and will be given an official send-off. He leaves Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m. and will board the s.s. Franconia by which he travels to Shanghai. He will receive the usual salute as he crosses the harbour. After Sir Miles' departure, His Excellency and Marshal Li will motor round the island.

There will be a dinner at Government House at 8.15 p.m. to the whole of the Canton party. This will be followed by a reception, to which the heads of business firms and the Chinese community will be invited.

On Saturday, His Excellency the Governor and Marshal Li will have a conference at Government House on Canton and Hongkong matters.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and others will be the hosts of the distinguished visitor at the former's residence, while Sir Shousen Chow and Mr. Kotewall will give a Chinese reception at the Chinese Merchants' Club at 4 p.m. The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will give a dinner to the visitors at 7 p.m.

Marshal Li and party will depart for Canton at 10 a.m. on Sunday, when there will be a guard of honour at Queen's Pier, while the usual salutes will be fired.

Although it was intimated that His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and party will be paying a return visit to Marshal Li on March 9th, no details of the arrangements have yet been officially issued.

ABOLISHING THE SUBMARINE.

London, Feb. 29.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons to-day, that the attitude of the Government on the question of abolishing the submarine, remained the same as originally indicated by Lord Lee of Fareham at the Washington Conference in 1921, when he urged the abolition of the submarine. That attitude was re-affirmed by himself at a recent Naval Conference in Geneva.—*British Wireless.*

THE INDEPENDENCE OF ESTHONIA.**GOOD WISHES ON TENTH ANNIVERSARY.**

London, Feb. 29.

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Esthonian independence, Sir Austen Chamberlain has offered the Esthonian Government sincere congratulations on the progress achieved by their country and the best wishes for its increasing prosperity and peaceful development.

M. Rebane, the Esthonian Foreign Minister, in reply, expresses the cordial thanks of the whole of the Esthonian nation for "the powerful assistance given by your great country during our difficult days of struggle for independence, as well as our sincere wishes for the preservation and the development of the cordial relations happily existing between our countries."—*British Wireless.*

PREMIER'S FINE SPIRIT.**\$120,000 AS THANK-OFFERING.**

London, Feb. 3.

Colonel Wedgwood in a speech at Newcastle, revealed that the donor who in 1919 anonymously invested \$120,000 for the purchase of \$150,000 new war loan stock and presented it to the Government for cancellation was Mr. Stanley Baldwin.

It appears that Mr. Baldwin, when Financial Secretary to the Treasury, wrote a letter to the Times on June, 1919, under the initials of his office "S. F. B. T." In that letter he expressed his dislike for publicity and hoped that someone else would lead the way. He finally said that he had decided to realise 20 per cent. of his estate, say \$120,000, for the purpose mentioned above as a thank offering.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.**WREATH LAID ON THE CENOTAPH.**

To-day is the Welsh National Day, and the occasion was marked this morning by a simple but impressive ceremony at the Cenotaph.

At 11 o'clock, the President of the St. David's Society (Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones) laid a wreath on the monument, being accompanied by the Vice-President (Captain Thomas), the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. D. J. Lewis (Past Presidents) as well as other members of the Society.

After the laying of the wreath, those present stood barchanted for a few moments in front of the Cenotaph.

MORE FOG LIKELY.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The depression has developed over South West Japan. Pressure gradients appear to be shallow over China and the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—Light variable winds; fair; fog at first.

FOG DELAYS THE "FRANCONIA."**HELD UP OUTSIDE HARBOUR THIS MORNING.****BELATED ARRIVAL.**

Owing to foggy weather, the Cunard round-the-world liner Franconia was unable to make port this morning, having to anchor beyond the harbour limits.

Representatives of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Sons, Ltd., the cruise agents, proceeded to Lyemun at 4.30 this morning, with the object of boarding the vessel.

Fleets of motor cars were on hand on both the Kowloon and Hongkong sides at an early hour, for the purpose of carrying out the first day's sight-seeing programme. These remained standing by during the forenoon.

Shortly after 1 p.m., with the lifting of the fog, the Franconia came into port, being towed by the Kowloon Dock tug Edith.

The Franconia, which has 400 passengers on board, has visited Hongkong on previous world tours and the luxury of her fittings, her dimensions and general equipment, parallels anything on either the Pacific or Atlantic. She arrived here from Bangkok.

This 20,000 tonner is commanded by Captain R. B. Irvin, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.

Distinguished Travellers.

Amongst the passengers making the complete circuit are Mrs. Carmi Thompson, wife of the distinguished American who was sent by President Coolidge last year to the Philippines to report upon the fitness of the Filipinos for an extension of home rule—a report that proved rather adverse to the aspirants; the Spanish Count and Countess of Fontenar, just recently married, and at whose wedding the King of Spain was best man. The Countess' father is President of the Northern Railways in Spain. Then there is Mr. Jose de Lamdero, who is a celebrated mining engineer belonging to Mexico City, and is 7 ft. high in his stockings; His Excellency M. Paravachini, Ambassador to Egypt and Mr. Paravachini; H. H. The Princess Emma Ismail; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Pillsbury of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mr. Pillsbury is one of the largest flour manufacturers in the United States and owns immense mills in Minneapolis; and Mrs. E. N. Scripps, of San Diego, Cal., whose husband is one of the great newspaper magnates of the United States and wields a power in the land.

The stay of the Franconia in Hongkong is all too short and it is a limited itinerary that the voyagers will travel during their visit. The excursionists will be divided into two groups, the one making a motor tour through the New Territories during the forenoon to-day, while the other proceeds round the island and takes in the Peak view. In the afternoon, the groups change over, while the second day of the visit, March 2, will be left free for shopping and individual sight seeing. The Franconia will sail for Shanghai at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

Judge Woodcock, K.C., while on his way to Leeds County Court before going to Dewsbury, where he was to have adjudicated, was knocked down by a motor-car in Park-row.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

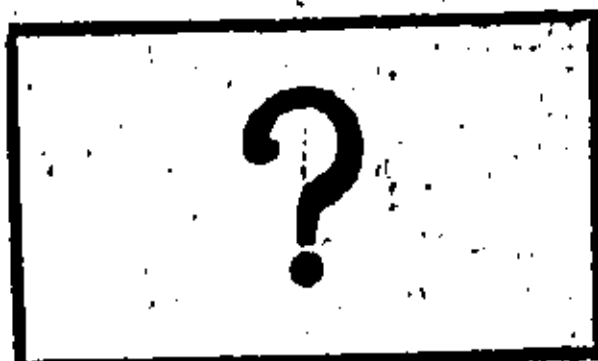
The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What was the British infant death-rate for 1927, and how does it compare with the first year of this century?
- 2 Who is the new German Minister of Defence, and whom does he succeed?
- 3 Where is Bouvet Island, and what discussion has arisen regarding it?
- 4 Who are the Mafia?
- 5 Name the people who held the following positions:—Lord Mayor of Liverpool; Minister of Labour; Secretary for India; Solicitor-General.
- 6 What three European nations have colonies on the mainland of South America?
- 7 With what branch of education are these names associated:—Froebel; Montessori?
- 8 Where are the following rivers:—Tigris; Nile; Tagus; Yangtze?
- 9 What is (a) a pyromaniac, (b) a kleptomaniac?
- 10 What planet comes nearest to the earth?
- 11 Where are the British Crown jewels kept?

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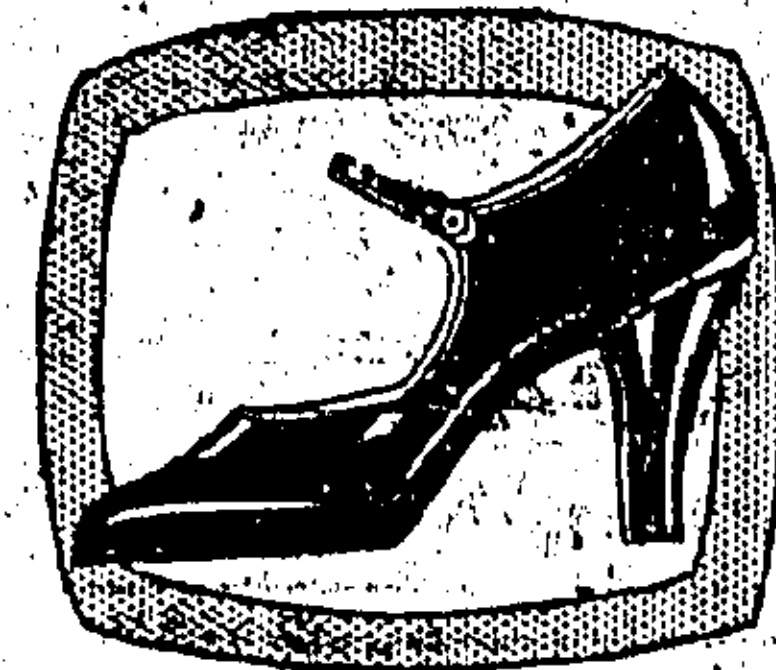
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MONKEYS BATHED IN
PETROL.

AN "ETHYL" TEST.

How monkeys had been continuously bathed in "Ethyl," the new motor spirit which was put on the market recently by the Anglo-American Oil Company, and had suffered no ill-effects over a period of three years, has been described by Dr. R. A. Kehoe, Assistant Professor of Physiology at Cincinnati University.

Certain statements have been made as to the possible ill-effects of "Ethyl" on persons who were using or handling it, and Dr. Kehoe has been engaged for many years in the United States investigating its effects, with the assistance of various Government departments.

At a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel he said: "The study of the hypothetical hazards associated with the use of 'Ethyl' petrol failed to show any evidence of the existence of any hazard to the public health. There is therefore no reason why the British public, who are five years behind America in the use of 'Ethyl' petrol, need have any fear that large numbers of persons are going to drop dead in the street or turn up in hospital suffering from lead poisoning."

Exhaust Gases.

Dr. Kehoe described his experiments and also the examination he had made of persons engaged in handling the spirit on the other side of the Atlantic. In no case had he found the slightest trace of lead poisoning, and as for the poisonous effects of the exhaust gases he said that all exhaust gases were poisonous.

Anyone going into a garage only just big enough to hold a car, shutting the door and running the engine for ten minutes, would undoubtedly be brought out dead owing to carbon monoxide poisoning; in comparison the quantity of lead in exhaust fumes from "Ethyl" spirit was negligible.

Dr. Kehoe sounded an interesting note of warning with regard to carbon monoxide poisoning from car exhausts. In the course of experiments he had conducted in large American cities he had often found that the carbon monoxide content of the atmosphere was perilously near the danger point. It was possible in the future, with the growth of motor transport, that this danger would have to be seriously examined in congested districts.

William Richard Scowen, aged 44, labourer, against whom a verdict of manslaughter was returned by a coroner's jury at an inquest held at Edmonton, was remanded on bail at Tottenham Police Court charged with the manslaughter of his wife, Clara Lydia Scowen, aged 44, at a house in Bradley-road, Enfield Lock, on January 21. Detective Inspector Bennett said that after the inquest he told Scowen that he would be charged with the manslaughter of his wife. He replied: "All right, I can't help it." Later, when charged, he made no reply.

OUR FOOTBALL
COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 3rd) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on
March 3rd.

ENGLISH CUP.

Blackburn v Manchester Un.
Sheffield U. v Notts Forest.
Huddersfield v Tottenham.
Arsenal v Stoke.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Aldon Rovers v Rangers.
Motherwell v Celtic.
Queen's Park v Partick.
Dunfermline v Hibernians.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Fulham v Bristol City.
Hull v Chelsea.
Swindon v Millwall.
Plymouth v Northants.

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No. 27 Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupons, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

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Sheffield Un.	v.	Notts Forest.
Huddersfield	v.	Tottenham.
Arsenal	v.	Stoke.
Aldon Rovers	v.	Rangers.
Motherwell	v.	Celtic.
Queen's Park	v.	Partick.
Dunfermline	v.	Hibernians.
Fulham	v.	Bristol City.
Hull	v.	Chelsea.
Swindon	v.	Millwall.
Plymouth	v.	Northants.

LETTER GOLF.

P	O	E	T
T	A	L	E

1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and to it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2.—You can change only one letter at a time.
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1210 b.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$321 n.
P. and O. \$10 n.
East Asia, \$671 b.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$640 b.
Union Ins., \$333 b.
North China, Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Firms, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$690 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$43 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$27 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$290 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$361 b.
Shell Trans., \$7/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 b.

Mining.
Benguets, \$21 s.
Kallans, 66/- n.
Lampkats, \$181 s.
S'hai Exploration, \$15. 2.85 n.
Raubs, \$41 b.
Troquois, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1251 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$481 s.
China Provident, \$6 s.
Hongkongs, \$166 b.
New Engineering, \$15. 4.60 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$15. 98 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$15. \$8.40 s.
Orientals, \$15. 2 b.
S'hai Cottons, \$15. 51 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.65 b.
H. K. Lands, \$641 s.
S'hai Lands, \$137 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Realities, \$8.90 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$25.45 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 n.
Star Ferries, \$631 n.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$161 b.
H'kong Electric, \$721 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.25 b.
China Buses, \$15. 61 n.
Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$10.40 n.
Malabons, \$271 n.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Cement (Comb.) \$11.25 b.
Ropos (Old) \$91 s.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$20 b.
Watsons, \$12.40 b.
Der A. Wing, \$5 s.
Lano Crawfords, \$3.40 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sincora, \$9 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

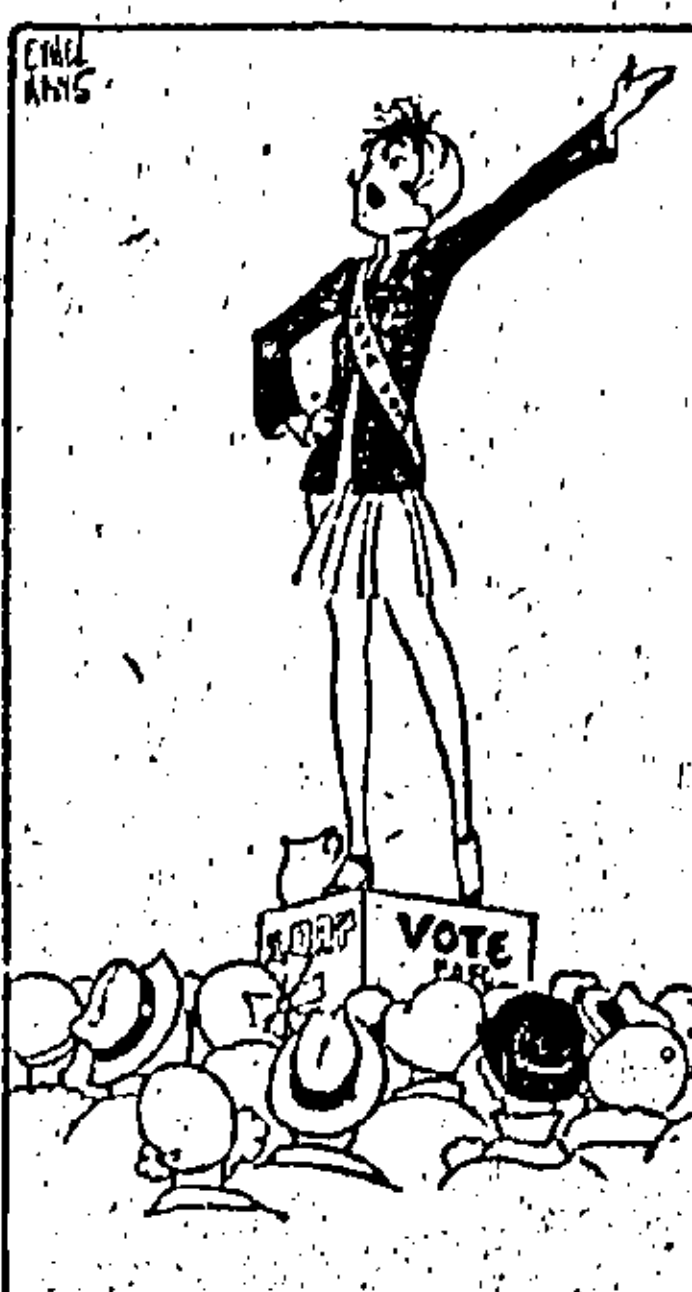
Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$203 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 60% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Prem.

HOME FOOTBALL.

MORE SCOTTISH LEAGUE
GAMES.

London, Feb. 29.
In the First Division of the English League, to-day, Bolton Wanderers defeated the Wednesday by two goals to nil.

The Scottish League provided no surprises, though Hamilton gained an unexpected big win against the Hibs. The results were:
Clyde 1 Falkirk 1
Hamilton 4 Hibernians 1
Kilmarnock 1 Raith 0
—Reuter.



What this country needs is less politics and more twins.

DIOCESAN GIRLS'
SCHOOL.PRIZES DISTRIBUTED BY
MRS. RUSSELL BROWN.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Duppuy) presided at the distribution of prizes of the Diocesan Girls' School yesterday afternoon, the presentation ceremony being performed by Mrs. Russell Brown. Those present included Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. Walton Rogers, the Rev. J. H. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. de Martin, the Rev. C. B. Shann, the Rev. N. V. Halward, Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. Churn and Mr. Grose.

Proceedings commenced with a prayer offered by the Rev. Walton Rogers, after which the pupils sang the School Hymn.

In asking Miss Sawyer (the Headmistress) to read her annual report, the Bishop spoke of the good work done at the school and the debt of gratitude which they owed to the Headmistress and her staff.

Annual Report.

In the course of a lengthy report, Miss Sawyer said the year 1927 opened with 220 on the roll and closed with 214, the month of February having the record enrolment of 241. The year 1926 began with 199 and closed with 211. The enrolment in January, 1928 was 239 and this month there were 245 of whom 63 are boarders. This meant that the boarding house was quite full and with the exception of Class VI other classes were also full.

If examinations were a criterion of the success of a school (and she did not think they were) they had cause to be pleased. The Drawing Society examination results were excellent: Honours, 120; Passes, 54, Failed, 6. The University local examination results were also good, 7 entered for the Senior and 6 passed, one with honours, 11 entered for the Junior and 11 passed. The Girl Guides had had their usual weekly meetings and the following badges had been awarded:—37 Ambulance, 2 Sick Nurse, 1 Needlewoman, 10 Domestic Service, 7 Entertainer, 4 Toy-maker and 1 Laundress.

Prize List.

Mrs. Russell Brown then presented the prizes as follows:—Scripture Prizes—Irene Gittins, Milly Chan, Mabel Willis, Ethel Banker, Agnes Chen, Agnes Chan, Betty Wong, Stanley Lee, Joyce Anderson, George Kelly, Johanna Holland, Holmes Turner.

Needlework Prizes—Irene Gittins, Edna Batalha, Frances Lee, Rita Randall, Trudy King, Inn Carvalho, Lily Silva, Stella Best.

Class Medals—Irene Gittins, Eva Lung, Grace Chan, Ida Ng, Stella Ho, Sophie Tsang, Dennis Gregory, Thomas Whelan, David Willis, Leslie Gregory.

Lugard Scholarship:—Won by Grace Chan. Money value handed down to a comrade who needs the help.

Tennis Cup:—Won by Class 3: Tamara Ellis, Linda Ozario.

Captain Ball Shield:—Won by Class 3.
Good Conduct Prize, given by Lady Ho Tung (awarded by the votes of the girls):—Molly Churn.

University (Senior)—Seven candidates were entered six passed:—Irene Gittins (Honours Certificate, distinction in English, Scripture, hygiene, qualified for Matriculation), Phyllis Anderson (distinction in hygiene), Molly

SCULLING CHAMPION
RETURNS.

A RAPID WELCOME.

London, Feb. 3.
Mr. Barry, who recently won the world's sculling championship disembarked from the Aquitania at Southampton.

Interviewed by Reuter, he said that his trip to America cost him \$400 of which he had won only \$42 at championship races.

\$80 in Debt.

London, Feb. 4.
Mr. Barry, the world sculling champion was accorded a rapturous reception at Waterloo station on his return from Canada. The platform was crowded with his friends many of them wearing the badges they had won and carrying shining yellow oars.

The arrival of the train was greeted with a roar of cheering for "Bert," whose carriage was immediately surrounded by fellow sportsmen.

Mr. Barry spent ten minutes shaking hands with them and then, seeing his mother at the back of the crowd, pushed his way to her.

After being photographed the champion was carried shoulder high to a motor coach in which he was driven to the hotel at Putney to celebrate the victory.

Mr. Barry, in an interview, said that he was amazed at the lack of interest in the championship at Vancouver. He was about \$80 in debt. Now he would have to work jolly hard at his usual job to clear his debts.

He did not know whether he could afford to give up work for training. He would like to defend his title on the next occasion.

Churn (distinction in Scripture), Elsa Batalha, Nancy Leung, Dorothy Smith (distinction in English).

University (Junior).—Edna Batalha, Edith Broadbridge, Milly Chan (distinction in Scripture), Sheila Jeffries, Beattie McAlush, Emmeline Lee Mong Kow, Laura Mong Kow, Eva Lung, Emily Sousa, Esther Wong, Minnie Wong.

Advice to Students.

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Russell Brown addressed the gathering and said how glad she was to be in the School which she found to be a wonderful place. She congratulated the prize winners. In her school days she had won several prizes, but never a good conduct prize. (Laughter).

Mrs. Russell Brown gave some good advice to girls who were shortly leaving School. She asked them not to think that they had finished their education, for the true aim of education was to teach one to do the right thing in the right place and at the right time.

The Rev. W. T. Featherstone proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Russell Brown for her address. It was a far better sermon than one preached in Church, and he hoped the senior girls would bear her remarks in mind. Colonel and Mrs. Russell Brown, he said, took great interest in the public life of the Colony, and the School was very grateful to them.

An entertainment was provided by the children and at its close the Bishop commented on its excellence. He thanked the pupils who took part and those who worked behind the scenes.

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MAZE OF SECRET PASSAGES.

STRANGE DISCOVERIES AT
HEREFORD.

700 YEAR-OLD VAULTS.

Hereford, Jan. 21. Remarkable underground vaults, considered by experts to be over 700 years old, have been brought to public notice here following the death a few days ago of his Honour Judge Ingham, who lived at Sugwas Court, six miles from here. Sugwas Court is one of the most romantic spots in England. Bishop Ironside lived there 300 years ago.

Seven hundred years ago the great Bishop Cantilup took up his residence there in state. The fish pond opposite the house is the same to-day as it was then. It was probably in much the same state in the Eighth Century when, according to one of the greatest experts, the dead body of King Ethelbert was thrown into it after the monarch had been murdered by King Offa.

Every villager near Sugwas Court knows something of its history. I have spoken to many today who tell in hushed tones of the "ghost" that haunts the grounds. Indeed, their story is corroborated by the standard works on Bishop Cantilup which I have just examined. After Bishop Cantilup died in Rome, where he went to visit the Pope, his bones were brought and laid to rest in Hereford Cathedral. Immediately after the funeral had taken place strange noises were heard at Sugwas Court by his successor. These ghostly phenomena are still stated to continue.

Maze of Passages.

I have to-day visited the maze of subterranean passages under the house. I made my way by candlelight through scores of secret chambers and passages, several of which appear to have no end. Through a heavily barred window underground, for instance, one is able to catch a glimpse of a passage which nobody has entered for hundreds of years, since access for the moment is impossible owing to the entrance being blocked by massive slabs of stone. Many people in Hereford think that one of these passages may lead right into the city to the site of one of the old monasteries now in ruins.

The existence of these secret vaults is of peculiar interest, as it is proposed in Hereford to start research work on the underground passages known to have been built centuries ago by Benedictine monks in the confines of the city, the best known of which is that which runs from the vineyard to the site of the ancient monastery of the Benedictines. It is considered possible that one of the secret passages in the city may link up with those at Sugwas Court.

Monk's Altar Cross.

From the vaults under the house at Sugwas Court was discovered a heavy stone slab of cruciform shape, said to have been the altar cross used by persecuted monks after the suppression of the monasteries in the time of King Henry VIII. It is a huge slab, weighing nearly a ton, and when erected must have stood at least 8 feet high.

Concurrently with public in-

PEACE MOVE IN INDUSTRY.

A NEW ZEALAND
CONFERENCE.

Wellington (N.Z.), Feb. 1. The whole basis of the industrial laws is likely to be drastically revised as a result of a special investigation by the Government.

A preliminary consultation of the three political parties to-day recommended that the constitution of the conference should resemble that in England and include twenty-five representatives of employers' federations, wheat growers, dairy farmers, sheep breeders, Chambers of Commerce, and manufacturers' associations and twenty-five from Trade Unions, rural workers, and other employees' organisations, together with politicians and departmental officials.

The conference will investigate the effect of the present system of industrial welfare on the community generally and on employers and workers in the primary industries, will consider the question of adjusting industrial awards in agreement with the primary industries and will also discuss the constitution of an arbitration court to prevent strikes and immigration.

The arbitration court's awards are criticised in many quarters as having unduly increased the wages of secondary industries at the expense of the primary producers, which are meeting with competition in the world's markets. One result of the influx of labour in the towns has been considerable unemployment.

Australia May Follow Suit.

Melbourne, Feb. 1. Mr. Bruce, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, has declared that he wishes to make it clear that he is waiting for Australian industry to make the first move in the direction of the proposed Capital and Labour Conference. If industry, however, merely manifests an unmistakable desire for such a conference he is prepared to appoint delegates.

On this subject Mr. Macdougall, President of the Chamber of Manufacturers, says that any movement tending to encourage industrial peace is welcome. Mr. Duggan, President of the All Australian Council of Trade Unions, is personally not opposed to a conference, but does not think that the Trade Unions will accept its proposals unconditionally. He suggests that each side should send twelve representatives, two from each State of the Commonwealth.

Interest in these remarkable passages under Sugwas Court, Hereford has been thrilled by the finding under the foundations of the Knights Templar Chapel of St. Giles of what proves to be a specimen of the earliest chimney to be found in Great Britain. A few days ago workmen unearthed a curiously shaped ornament of baked clay beautifully glazed in green and yellow. British Museum authorities have just declared it to be unique and one of the first and only known specimens of medieval ventilation. It would have been used in the time of Bishop Cantilup. In appearance it greatly resembles a Turkish minaret, with holes pierced in the dome to allow the escape of smoke.



"Helen, which of these little bargains did the auctioneer say we could sit in?"

K.C. CHANTS IN COURT.

PRIVY COUNCIL TREATED TO
ETHIOPIAN ANTHEM.

NEGRO'S WILL DISPUTE.

Ethiopia, thou land of our fathers, Thou land where the gods love to be, As storm-cloud at night sudden gathers, Our armies come rushing to Thee. We must in the fight be victorious, When swords are thrust outward to gleam, For us will the victory be glorious, When led by the red, black, and green.

This, the Ethiopian anthem, was chanted to the Privy Council in London by a K.C., Mr. Gavin Simonds.

It was during the hearing of an appeal by the Universal Negro Improvement Association from a judgment of the Chief of the Supreme Court of British Honduras, finding that the bequest of a negro testator, Mr. Isiah Emmanuel Morter, of his real and personal estate to the parent body of the Universal Negro Improvement Association for the African Redemption Fund, was inoperative and void as against public policy, and that he died intestate as to the residue of his real and personal estate.

The judgment was given in an action instituted by the widow seeking a decision of these questions.

The Redemption of Africa.

The Chief Justice held that the gifts were for an illegal purpose and contrary to public policy on the ground that, in his view, the redemption of Africa was intended to be effected, not by peaceful and constitutional methods, but by revolution and war to drive out the existing Government of Africa and establish a black republic.

He based his conclusion on provisions in the constitution book and on articles in the *New World* written by a hothead, according to Mr. Gavin Simonds, K.C., who appeared for the appellant association. This hothead, counsel understood, was now languishing in prison on another charge.

Lord Haldane said he saw in the constitution book the use of military terms in regard to organisation. There were legions, uniforms, and bands, and references to military and to active service.

Mr. Simonds—There is also a universal Ethiopian anthem, which was heard at the trial. Lord Carson—Did they sing it? (Laughter).

Mr. Simonds—No, it was read. Mr. Simonds thereupon proceeded to chant the verse quoted above.

Militant Hymns.

Lord Haldane—I think there is no doubt that this is a battle song. But so are revival hymns. Look at "Hold the Fort."

Lord Shaw—Look at the spirit of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." (Laughter).

Mr. Simonds—And as I stand here "Fight the Good Fight" occurs to me. (Laughter).

Lord Shaw—We are instructed, of course, that the Church is militant.

Mr. Simonds—And the idea of a State within a State is found in all ecclesiastical organisations.

Lord Haldane said he supposed the reference to a division in the

PLAY ABOUT SOULS.

AN ENGLISH ADAPTATION
OF "L'AME EN PEINE."

Most of us agree with Malvollo in thinking nobly of the soul; but remote hypotheses about it are apt to prove evasive on the stage—at any rate without some robust accompaniment, such as "Hamlet" affords. This was rather the trouble with Jean-Jacques Bernard's "L'Amé en Peine," produced by Miss Irene Hentschel for the Stage Society, at the Apollo, in Mr. John Leale Frith's English version.

We are introduced to two "souls," each of them looking in vain for a "mate," who is expected to arrive ready-made. One of these is Marceline, wife of a well-to-do and kindly but unloved husband; the other is Antoine, a bank-messenger.

The play shows them coming within range of each other three times over, but never meeting—first at an hotel, then on some seats in a park, afterwards on an evening when the bank-messenger, who had been discharged, falls dead "from cold" on Marceline's doorstep.

A Flimsy Theory.

The whole theory is, of course, of the flimsiest, confessedly based on a fancy in the "Unborn Children" scene of Maeterlinck's "Blue Bird." Also it is all too obviously false. A power which would be so remiss as to send them astray nine times out of ten, or so gratuitously malignant as to arrange that they should actually come across each other three times over without knowing it.

However, as a study in forlorn temperaments the play is full of clever and sympathetic points. Mr. George Zucco managed to make us quite interested in the feeble bank-messenger. For all his despondency he never lost his sense of humour.

It was not quite so with Marceline. Unlike Antoine, she had no valid reason to make trouble. She caused her husband and her brother much unnecessary sorrow by taking to drugs, and was altogether one of those at once petted and depressing ladies perpetually talking about an undeserved happiness, who are rather the bane of our fiction just now, both on the stage and off. Miss Clare Eames's severe manner hardly served to brighten her.

constitution body did not mean a division of brigades.

Lord Carson observed that none would draw an inference against the Salvation Army, for which he had a profound respect, because it had captains of divisions.

Mr. Simonds said there was a great deal in the aspirations of this negro organisation which must command the sympathy of everybody. Nobody supposed that a body of half-negroes would sail in convoys to West Africa to establish a black republic. That was too ridiculous.

The Chief Justice's judgment, however, quoted articles in the *Negro World*. One referred to the ideal of South Africa as a white man's country, and said:—The negro and science may yet run Smuts and his gang out of South Africa into the Indian Ocean, to be rescued by the useless battleship and cruisers of the English.

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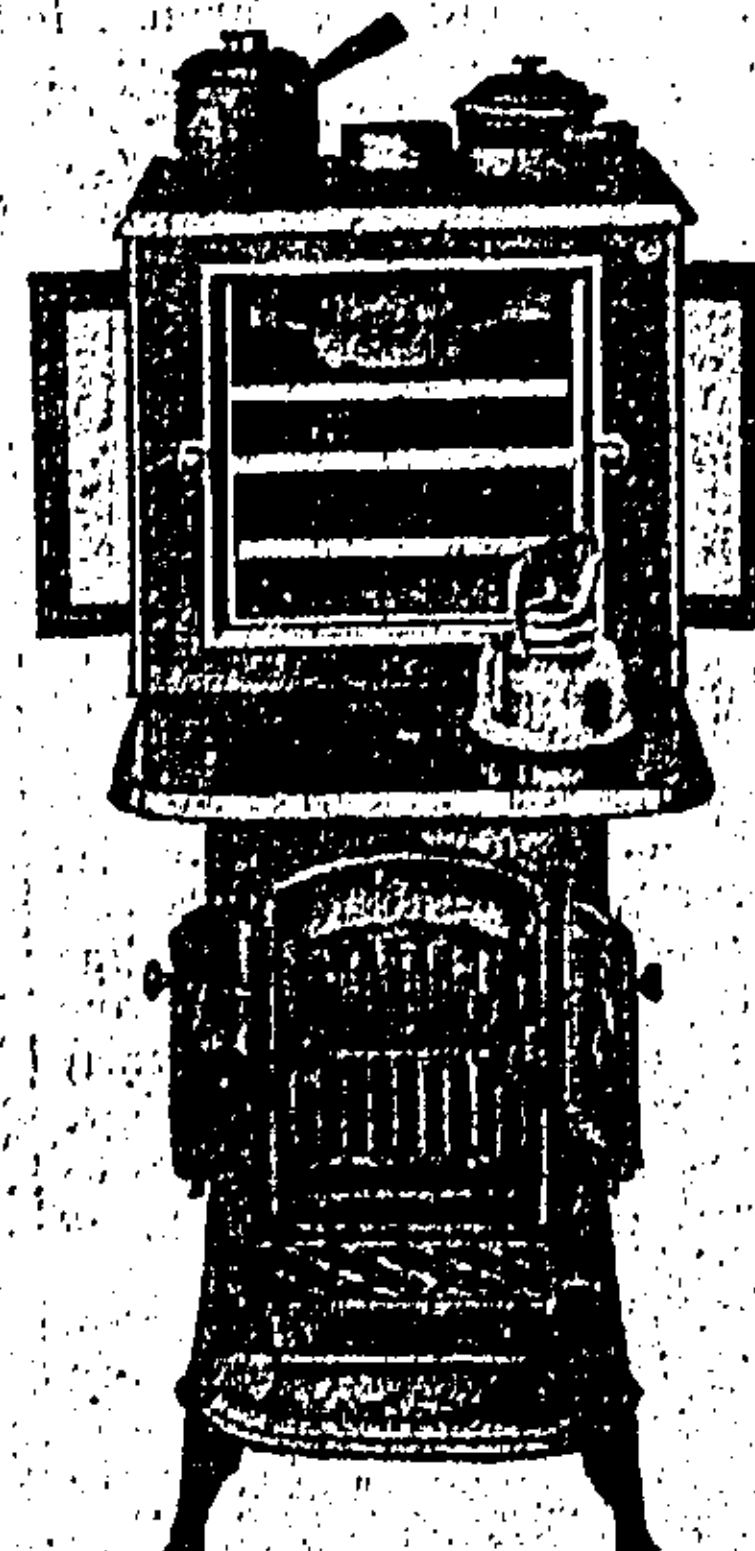
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CHAPTER XXVI.

The warrant against Martin for the murder of Dudley being operative, the sixth director of Consolidated Exploitations followed out Mainwaring's suggestion and went up to see the Public Trustee before the old warrant of 19— was put into force against him.

What followed is public history. Strach and Otto Rigg escaped the charge of murder, but Strach was condemned to a long term for manslaughter and complicity, and Otto Rigg for a term that practically meant his whole life for manslaughter and fraud.

He made something of a fight on the latter count, but as Martin Stannard had said, his case against him was fool proof. Thanks to Martin's brilliant and faultless presentation of all the facts, the guilt of Otto Rigg as the chief thief and moving spirit of one of the greatest and cruellest crimes of our time was driven home to the hilt.

Martin came out, not only with a name cleared of any suggestion of guilt, but with public fame as a man of great and heroic qualities, and a brilliant one to boot.

As Martin walked with Joyce in the pleasant lanes of Greenhayle, he talked of this with a touch of ruefulness.

"They are making rather a noise about it all," he said. "They are making, in fact, rather a public character of me. I was glad to get away to pretty Greenhayle, the countryside and peace and rest—and you."

"And even here," she smiled at him, trying to hide what her blush could not—her pleasure at his last word, "even here there is no escape. We've had pressmen by the score, each demanding never and more romantic details of your hidden life. I'm sure they hoped your mother would invent something attractive and fresh for them. They were thoroughly disappointed with me when they learnt I had only been at the Dark House since you went out of hiding. As for the photographers, they have come by the dozen, all anxious to take flashlight photos of the hidden room. And most of them seem to think your mother neglected her public duty when she did not take photographs of you working on the great Consolidated Case in that room."

"I'm afraid the Dark House isn't quite the secure hiding-place it was, Joyce," he smiled. "But I love it for other things, and I don't want to leave it."

"No," she cried. "Don't leave it—never leave it. It's a place of hallowed memory."

"To both of us, Joyce?" he said, softly.

"To both of us, Martin," she answered, gently.

They walked on in silence, a silence intensely, deeply companionable to them both.

"Still, I wish they would not make so much of what I have done, of me," he said, presently. "It's hard to live up to that status."

"Not hard," she smiled at him; "you've already lived up to it. They are praising you not for what you're going to be, but for what you have been, for what you are, Martin. It is only natural that they should make much of it all, my dear. You've done a big thing that is also a noble thing."

"I did what I had to do, Joyce, that's all."

"Yes, but so few do what they have to do. And fewer do it so completely, so well. That's why they are holding you up as a public example—you are a public example of what the truest and straightest kind of man should be."

Her tone was light, but it cloaked a real tenderness and feeling.

"Most men would have given in before the gigantic forces you had

to face and fight. Most men would have felt that the case was hopeless from the first, with all those directors and their ruining ranged against them. You refused to give in. Most men would have remained hidden and safe in South America. You didn't, you risked your freedom to return and fight. Most men would have lost heart and grip and patience through the long, slow fight you made gathering facts while hiding from the law—and your enemies. But you didn't, you never flinched. You went on and won. You cleared your own name, you restored comfort and hope to hundreds of people who thought they were ruined. You did a great work."

"You are the most loyal champion a man ever had, Joyce, you and my mother," he said.

"One can only be loyal to people who deserve it," she replied. "Your mother knew because she is your mother. I knew because—because," she blushed deliciously, "that is—I knew from the first moment I saw you."

"By the gate of Gamlin's place?"

"Just there," she smiled, tremulously.

"Yes," he cried. "There is where it happened to me, too. They looked at each other and laughed, and walked on again."

"I see you are right about the publicity all this has gained me," he said in a minute or two. "There is another result from that publicity, more practical, more useful to me—us. There are people who are good enough to say they are impressed by the financial and administrative ability I have shown in this case. They have come to gether and formed a trading concern very much on the lines of the old Consolidated Exploitations. They have offered me the managing directorship of it. That will give me a position and an income, things, rather lacking up to this."

"I'm glad," cried Joyce. "It is only just after all you have suffered. And you will do well, you are built to do well."

"And—in your new office—will you need a secretary?"

"Undoubtedly," he smiled. "I am something of a secretary myself," she said.

"Oh," he said. "Are you asking for that job?"

"You haven't filled it?" she asked, quickly.

"I was going to offer it to poor Annie Purvis," he said. "We have obtained her release from prison."

"Oh," she gasped, and then, warmly, generously, "Of course—of course, there could be no one else. It could be no one else. Perhaps you could think of something else for me."

"I have," he smiled at her. "I had—long before I even thought about Annie Purvis for this secretaryship."

He looked at her, she met his eyes, dropped her own, blushed.

"How long before, Martin?" she whispered.

"As long ago as the day when I met you at the foot of Seward Gamlin's drive, my dear," he answered. "I thought of you then as the one perfect being for the one perfect job in the world. I have always thought of you for it. I hesitated lately."

"Oh, Martin," she cried, "why did you hesitate?"

"Because," he smiled, "I was wondering whether it was wisest to be married while people were so excited about us, or whether to wait until the present uproar blows over so that we can have our wedding to ourselves."

"Oh, Martin," cried Joyce, in Martin's arms, "does it matter? Just as if I'll notice uproar and people and things in the excitement of marrying you!"

[THE END.]

THE JOCKEY CLUB PROSECUTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

analogous authority at Home in which a man who gave out short weight on meat supplies to a military camp was convicted of attempted larceny of the difference, it being held, against the contention of the accused, that the overt act necessary to the conviction on attempted larceny was present.

Mr. Wadeson argued that the same overt act was present in the case now before the Court, the process of larceny in his view being complete up till the point of taking the money away. He submitted that the defendants were only waiting for the close of the day's racing to accomplish that unlawful purpose. They would benefit to the extent of \$75 on such surplus funds as were permitted on the actual number of whole tickets issued.

Mr. Wadeson submitted that although the second defendant might not have had the actual handling of the tickets, he was an accessory to the attempted larceny. On that point, there was a case for the second defendant to answer.

No Evidence.

Mr. Hugh-Jones replied that there was no evidence that the second defendant saw people come in with half-tickets. He further pointed out that one witness for the prosecution had also given evidence that one man was not able to cope with the rush.

Mr. Wadeson said it was the second defendant's duty to have examined the tickets, at all events. Had he done so, the gate would have been blocked, thereby drawing attention to the first defendant and compelling him to issue proper tickets. As it was, quite a large number of improper tickets must have been issued over a fairly long period to have aggregated to the amount in respect of which defendants were charged.

Quoting further authorities, Mr. Wadeson said a coal-miner had been convicted for using the tally system to credit himself with more work than he actually did. Both defendants had a case to answer, and if they had an explanation to offer, the onus was on them to do so, right away.

Second Defendant Discharged.

Mr. Hugh-Jones argued that the duties of the second defendant were confined to seeing that people paid for entry to the Course, and the proof that money was paid by the production of the tickets, irrespective of the form which these tickets would take. The second defendant, at least, had not committed any act which might be construed as "overt." If this had been a civil action, it was possible that the second defendant might have been brought in on the ground of a liability shared with the first defendant.

His Worship agreed that the evidence did not more than raise suspicions against the second defendant. It was evidence which was not sufficient to justify a conviction. Therefore the second defendant, Lowe, would be discharged.

In his submissions for the first defendant, Mr. Hugh-Jones remarked, with relation to the point of the commission of an "overt act," that it was difficult to assess the intention, and one must regard it as a matter of degree, taken on the merits of the case when that alleged act was not carried out or completed. There was no evidence in the present case to show what the intention was when the first defendant issued those half-tickets. It might have been that the tickets were issued in a hurry, in the crush. Putting it as high as the prosecution would have it, it might be that, having issued these tickets in a hurry, the defendants later formed the idea of misappropriating the surplus, in which event, they could not be charged with larceny, because the intention was not formed until the action was half-completed. There was not sufficient evidence in this case to support a charge of larceny. The onus was on the prosecution to prove that defendant had that definite intention.

Defendant's Story.

On his Worship holding that defendant had a case to answer on all the three remaining counts, defendant went into the witness-box to make his statement. He said this was the first occasion he had been on the job of selling tickets at the Race Course, and he was unable to cope efficiently with the rush. At one time there were as many as five persons alongside the box, and a queue had formed up.

He then thought that the quickest way to deal with the situation was to tear the tickets in half. It seemed to him that people did not care whether they had tickets for their money so long as they could get in. The money was in a heap in the ticket-box when he was relieved. He had no definite instructions as

CORRESPONDENCE.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Will you allow me to draw the attention of your readers to a society which was formed last year in the Mother Country—"The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral." It is a society of those who cherish the history, the beauty and the spiritual associations of Canterbury Cathedral and who desire to show their love for it to-day and to help to preserve it for posterity.

To many of us, Canterbury is the most noble and lovely of all the Cathedrals, but it has a special appeal to all Britons in the fact that it was here that St. Augustine, over thirteen centuries ago, first preached to the English and replanted the Christian faith in Britain. It is thus the cradle of English Christianity and the Mother Church of our Communion.

More and more during recent years it has become a centre for English-speaking people Overseas and for all those who are in fellowship with us. Every ten years members of the Pan-Anglican Conference join here in worship under the Presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury sitting in the ancient chair of St. Augustine. A month rarely passes during the Spring and Summer in which some Overseas Bishop does not preach within its walls.

At the foundation of our society an article by the Dean of Canterbury was published in *The Times* and was reprinted in *The Times* Weekly Edition. From all parts of the world, where this article thus penetrated, we received letters expressing the affection in which our Cathedral is held among all English-speaking peoples Overseas and we have found many supporters in Canada, Australia, South Africa, the West Indies, Egypt, India, the Straits States of Burma, Iraq, Fiji as well as in the United States of America.

Many among your readers are now perhaps making plans for a visit to the Mother Country during the coming year. May I be allowed to suggest to them that their plans should include a visit to Canterbury Cathedral, if possible on the occasion of the first Annual Festival of its "Friends" which has been fixed for May 19th, 1928? The first "Friend" on the Roll is H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the President of our society is the Archbishop of Canterbury and foremost among the names following are the Prime Minister and the American Ambassador. The society has a Council of which the Dean of Canterbury is Chairman, and the Council has decided that the subscriptions of the society shall be devoted to specific objects: the first of these will be the repair of the beautiful Water Tower (at one time known as the Baptistry), which is one of the most individual architectural features of the Cathedral, and which in the opinion of the Cathedral Architect is in a precarious condition.

To those who are not able to visit England this year but who cherish recollections of Canterbury Cathedral may I say that I shall be glad to send them full particulars of our society and express the hope that we may be allowed to enrol them as members?—Yours etc.,

ANTON BERTRAM.

The Precincts, Canterbury, Jan. 28th, 1928.

Sir Miles Lampson paid a second visit to the New Territories yesterday, having liffin at the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. At night he attended a dinner party at Government House.

regards his duties. He did see some persons without tickets, whom he promptly turned back.

Evidence regarding the removal of the defendant and Lowe from the public entrance was also given.

It was stated in Court that the defendant had an excellent Army record and was due to leave the Colony in two days.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Hugh-Jones argued that there was no evidence of false pretences.

Consequent upon legal argument, his Worship discharged defendant on the fourth charge.

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Regarding the first two charges, Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. Wadeson whether he would be satisfied if one conviction were recorded, to which Mr. Wadeson replied that he would be amply satisfied. Mr. Wadeson added that he had no wish to press the case at all.

His Worship:—On charges "A" and "B," the defendant is convicted. In view of his excellent record, and, in fact, I understand he is due to leave the Colony in two days' time, I propose to punish him by imposing a fine of \$100. The alternative is six weeks' hard labour.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

THE MENTAL ASPECTS OF GOLF.

REASON AND AUTOMATISM.

Dr. Theodore B. Hyslop, the well-known British neurologist, lists practice, automatism, and reason, as the three mental factors necessary to produce par golf.

Automatism is reached only by practice. When automatism becomes perfect, reason can assert itself without encumbrances.

He defines golf as a mental and physical "complex" in which the complicated mechanism should run perfectly, freely, smoothly, and automatically, while the mind should be free to exercise its higher functions of control and guidance.

Fatigue Hurts Game.

Fatigue of mind or of body is not conducive to good golf. Mental stability varies according to the physical condition of the person concerned.

When we are very tired we become irritable and slightly unbalanced. When the golf professional is very tired during match play he "blows up" or "cracks."

The tendency of the nerve cells to recover rapidly from fatigue is great, and it is possible for the golfer to recover his poise, but as has been noted by many great players, the interval period between "blow up" or "cracks" tends to become shorter and shorter as the match goes on.

Jones Learns Lesson.

Bobby Jones wrote recently that he used to walk rapidly up to the green after approaching and putt at once. Nowadays he delays after his arrival on the green, studying the line of the putt, but also recovering his breath, because he is a rapid walker.

Dr. Hyslop recommends a condition of cheerful optimism as less harmful than one of extreme timidity. Unfortunately there are many golfers who let their mental states become clearly apparent to other members of their foursome.

The wise player will not permit the pessimism of his partner or of his opponents to destroy his own confidence. "A good sportsman," says the British authority, "will never be found guilty of assuming a mental attitude calculated to influence the mental stance of his partner."

The Golden Mean.

Of course, optimism may be so exuberant as to produce an actual egomania, or as the golfer would phrase it, a "plus four" attitude. On the other hand pessimism or self-depreciation may extend to actual melancholia, with a devil-may-care attitude that results in wild swinging.

Each of the circumstances that arises should be taken as it comes. Such a philosophic attitude is good advice not only for golf but for mental hygiene in general.

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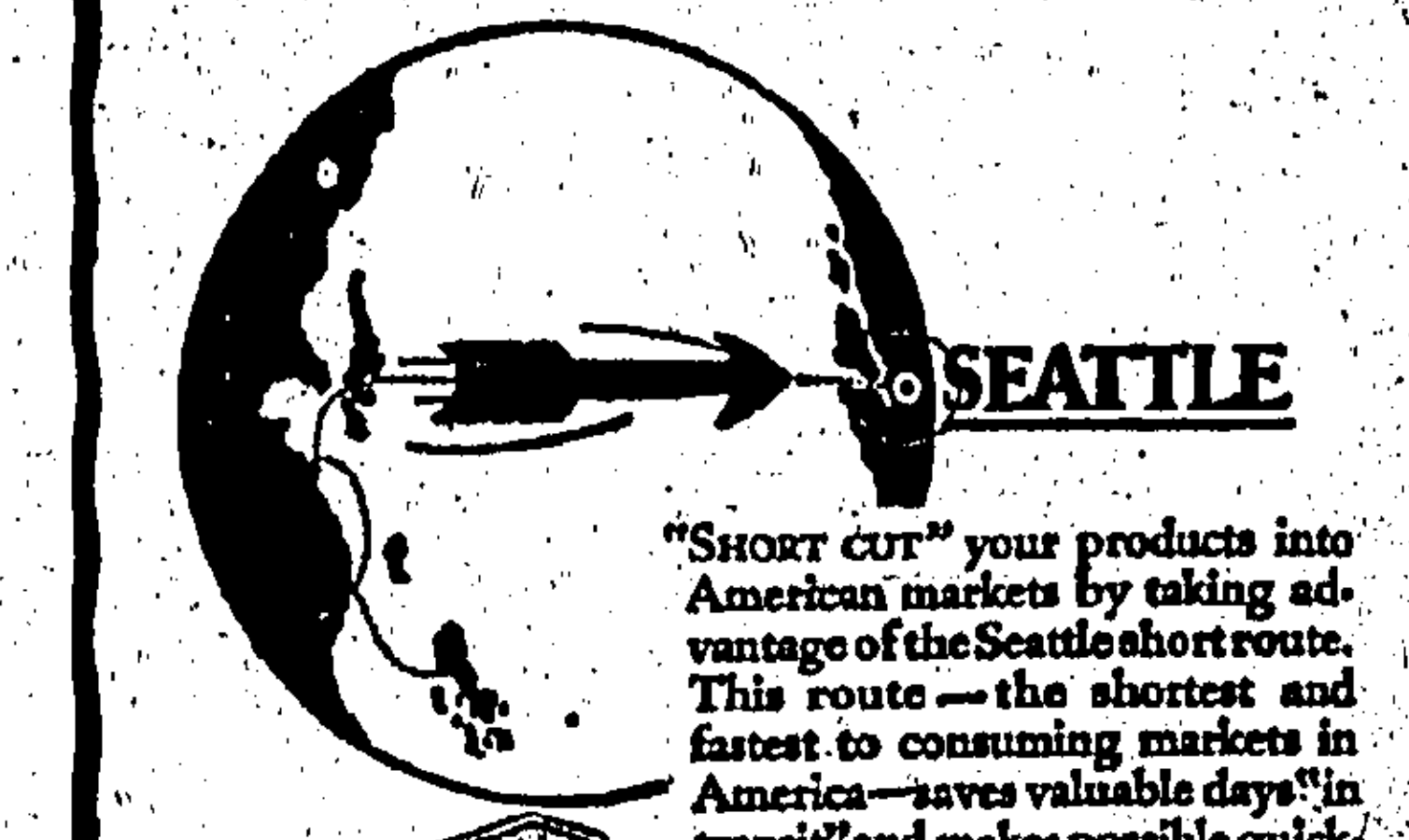
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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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A special verdict was recorded by Dr. E. J. Waldo, the City Coroner, after he had heard medical evidence that a woman died from starvation. Dr. Waldo said that it could not be regarded as a natural death when a person died from want of food, so he would record a special verdict in accordance with the doctor's evidence—that "Death, was due to anorexia, bronchitis, and want of food—starvation, but not an extreme case." The woman—aged 79, who died in a room she rented in Vine-street, Minorie, E.C.

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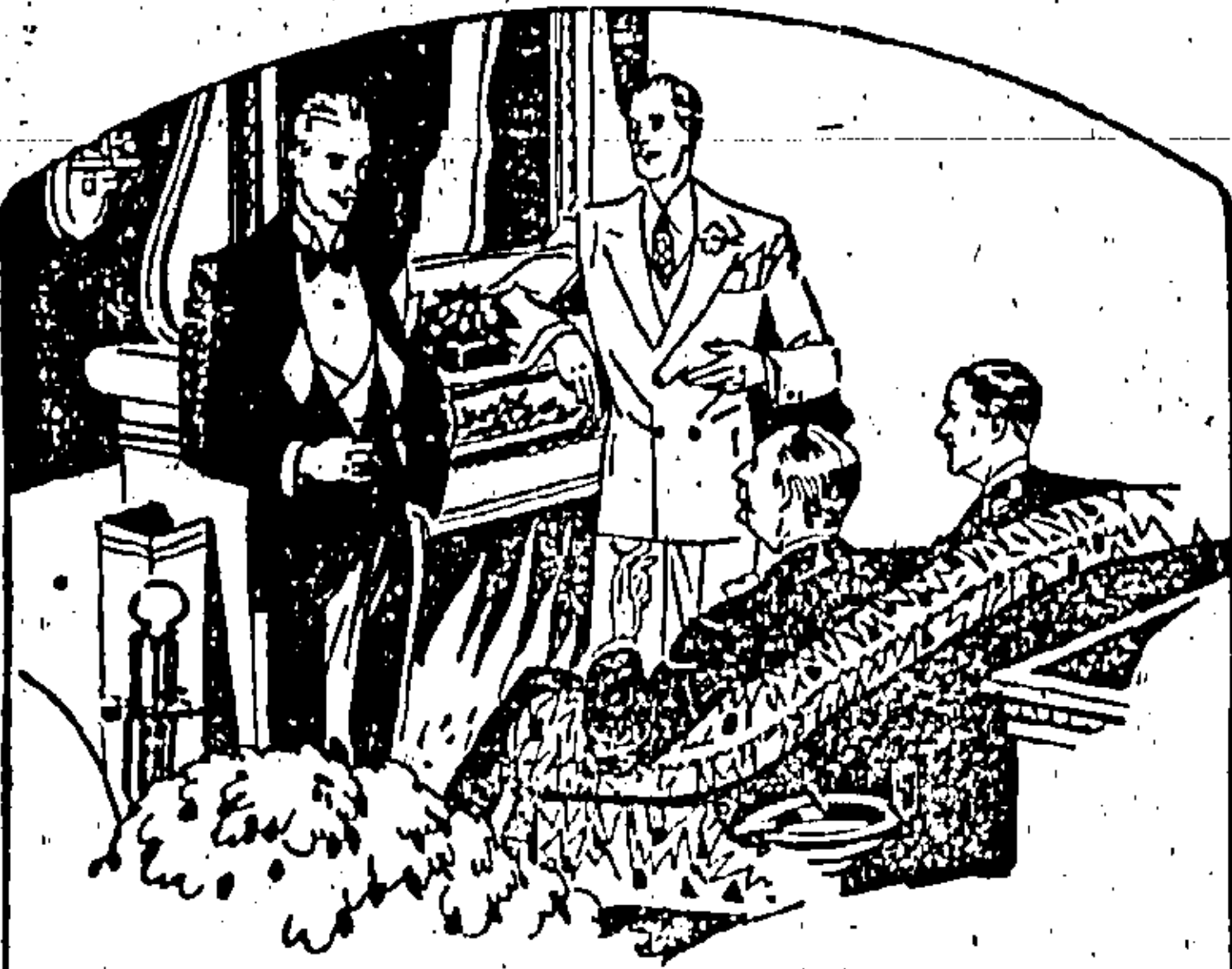
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RAILWAY EXTENSION.

PARLIAMENT BEGINS WORK OF EXAMINATIONS.

London, Feb. 29.

Parliament began last night what is likely to be a protracted examination of the bills presented by the railway companies for the extension of their powers, which will enable them to operate road services for the transport of goods and passengers.

The Railway companies claim that, in fairness, they should be allowed to meet the competition of road transport undertakings which—unlike them, are not bound to accept all traffic that offers, but may choose to carry only most profitable loads. For road undertakings it is suggested that if powers were granted to the railways, they might in time obtain a monopoly of all transport services. The interests of the public in transport are being closely watched in Parliament.

It is anticipated that the second reading of the Railways Bill will be passed to-night and the bill will then be sent to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament, before which their details will be fully examined.—*British Wireless.*

SHANGHAI TERRORISM.

THREE CONSTABLES SHOT BY ROBBER.

Shanghai, Feb. 29.

Recent arrests of prominent Communists, including Chow Chichu, the Secretary of the General Labour Union, has resulted in a notable decrease in Communist propaganda, but assassination and terrorism is still going on. For example, there was the shooting yesterday morning of a prominent anti-Communist labour man in an alleyway at Jessfield, while endeavours to suppress armed robbers was again costly early this morning when a Chinese, dressed in a long gown, held up at the Haining Road barrier by a Chinese constable, drew an automatic, shot the constable in the leg, then killed another, shot in the head, and seriously wounded a Sikh with three wounds, while the murderer escaped in the confusion scattering less.—*Reuter.*

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

ADVICE TO MR. AMERY.

Colombo, Feb. 29.

In response to an urgent request of Mr. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, asking its views on the subject of restriction, the Ceylon Estate Proprietors Association met yesterday. One dissentient moved a resolution that it was considered that the existing scheme was defective as it did not embrace all producers, and that it was

TINS OF OPIUM.

DISCOVERED IN CHARCOAL BAGS.

The proprietor of a charcoal shop and another Chinese who said he was a cargo-cooler, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon, with being in possession of a quantity of prepared opium, valued at \$900. The former was defended by Mr. W. D. Owen, and the latter by Mr. Horace Lo, a plea of not guilty being returned in each case.

Senior Revenue Officer George Watt stated that shortly after one o'clock on the afternoon of the 26th instant, he went to the basement of No. 237, Hollywood Road, access to which was through a blind alley. Here coolies, were busy taking bags of charcoal into the basement which was being used as a godown. The two defendants were present. Witness emptied several bags, and in three of these, 89 one-ounce tins of opium were found secreted amongst the charcoal. In consequence of statements made by other coolies who were stated to have been employed by the first defendant, witness not only arrested the first defendant, but also the second.

Coolie's Contradictions.

One of the coolies then gave evidence to the effect that about 40 bags had been unloaded into the basement when the second defendant appeared on the scene, and in claiming that some of the cargo from the ship had got mixed up with the charcoal, proceeded to empty one bag after another. The second defendant, according to witness, actually mentioned opium, and on this point witness was severely cross-examined by the Magistrate.

His Worship said if this witness was to be believed, his evidence would clear the first defendant of guilty knowledge.

S.R.O. Watt agreed, and Mr. Owen's client was accordingly discharged.

In further examination by Mr. Horace Lo, witness, contradicted himself several times. Where he had previously said that the second defendant appeared on the scene after 40 bags had been transferred into the godown he now said the second defendant did not do so until a much later stage.

On this point, witness was severely taken to task by the Court, and warned that he would be sent to prison if he told more lies. Finally, after further contradictions in connection with the evidence he had given, witness was told to stand down, from the witness-box.

At the conclusion of the case, his Worship discharged the remaining defendant.

believed that an earnest endeavour should be made to devise a really comprehensive scheme.

A special sub-committee is now drafting recommendations on the basis of this resolution for transmission to Mr. Amery.—*Reuter.*

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RENOUNCING WAR.

U. S. NOTE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Paris, Feb. 29.

Mr. Kellogg's latest Note is less welcome to the Paris press than its predecessors. The chief objection to it is apparently that it does not deal with realities and there is some suggestion of insincerity. *Le Journal*, however, says that though Mr. Kellogg's Note does not mean adherence to the Geneva formula, it does not close discussion and prepares the way in fresh explanations which M. Briand will not fail to furnish.—*Reuter.*

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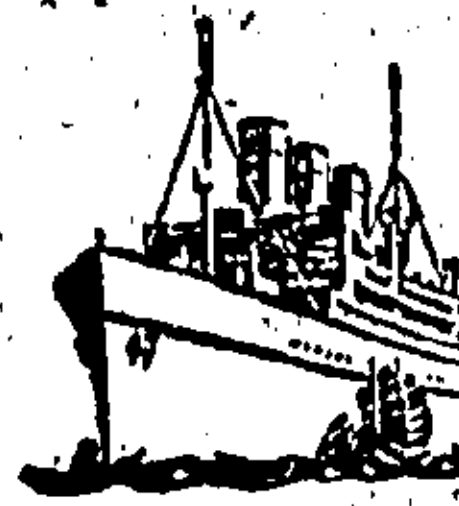
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JAPANESE DIET.

SPECIAL SESSION IN APRIL.

Tokyo, Feb. 29.

It is announced that a special Diet session has been called for April 20 lasting a fortnight. It is understood that the business will be confined to the passage of the Coronation estimates and also a slight addition to the present fiscal year's budget which, owing to the dissolution in January, automatically reinforced the coming fiscal year.

The Minseito party threatens again to introduce a motion of confidence which might lead to either another dissolution or the resignation of the whole Government, but in view of the whole of the country's desire to prevent a hitch in the passage of the Coronation estimates, it is generally considered that no such motion will be presented before the December session at the earliest.—*Reuter.*

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TANKER EXPLODES.

LIVES LOST AT SEA OFF JAPAN.

Kobe, Feb. 15.
 An explosion occurred on the 15th instant, on the freighter Chukyu (7,395 tons) of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Company, No. 25, Broadway Street, New York, when she was about 100 sea miles off Nijimazaki Chih-kon, and she sank immediately. Of her crew the Captain and fourteen others perished, but the chief engineer and twenty-one others, managed to keep themselves afloat on lifebelts and planks and were picked up by the Shosen-maru, a 25-ton motor-boat owned by Mr. Sugiyama, Dendiro, of Odawara, which happened to pass there on the following morning. They were taken to Misaki, Misaki-gun, yesterday morning, and the party was soon sheltered at the Matsunokwan Hotel in the town, and attended by a medical party. Their progress is satisfactory, and it is certain that they will survive.

The Kyodo Transport Company, the agents in Yokohama, say that the vessel was built at Glasgow in 1922, and was registered in Britain. Laden with crude oil she left Los Angeles for Japan on January 10, and was expected at Tsurumi on the 15th instant, but owing to the rough sea her arrival was delayed. The vessel is the sister ship of the oil tanker which disappeared on the Pacific in December, last year.

Transport Dispatched.
 The Yokosuka Naval Station has instructed the transport Kurihishi to visit the scene of the disaster.
 Mr. Seto Matsukichi, captain of the motor-boat, stated that while fishing off Hachijo Island he sighted foreigners clinging to wreckage and crying for help. He picked up all he could find, but through lack of knowledge of English he did not know who they were. On arrival at Misaki he learned that a policeman from the Yokohama Water Police Station was there and through him the details were ascertained. This was the vessel's first voyage to Japan. Another message says that she was an oil tanker built in America in 1922. The crude oil is said to have been insured for ¥308,855 with the Mitsubishi Marine and Fire Insurance Company. The people of Misaki have opened a subscription list for the crew and are giving them every aid. Those rescued are 14 Americans, a Swiss, an Irishman, a Spaniard, a German, an Indian, and two Filipinos, 21 in all.

SEA TRAGEDY.

JAPANESE DROWNED AT PENANG.

A verdict of accidental death by drowning was given at Penang concerning Matsuura, a Japanese, who was one of the crew of a fishing boat lying near Pulau Langkawi.
 The skipper of the boat said that the men had been diving on the day in question and that deceased was noticed missing when they had finished. Their attempts to locate him at the bottom of the sea proved futile, but a renewed search next morning brought them to the body of the unfortunate man, lying flat on his back on the sea-bed. Though deceased was a good swimmer, said the skipper, the sea was particularly rough that day and he may have succumbed to the strong waves.
 Dr. Subramanyam, Assistant Government Pathologist, after a post-mortem examination, said that death was due to asphyxia from drowning.

OILFIELDS SHAKEN.

SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES IN CALIFORNIA.

Hakersfield, Cal., Feb. 29.
 A series of earthquakes shook the oilfields on the outskirts of the city last night.—*Reuter's American Service.*

OUR LIMITATIONS.

AND THE WAY TO ENLIGHTENMENT.

On Sunday night at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, Mr. Manuk spoke on "The Way to Enlightenment."

He said:
 In order to understand what is meant by Enlightenment, it is necessary in the first place to understand the limited functioning of our physical senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight. We find that our senses respond to various states of matter commencing with the gross physical and ending with waves in ether. The reports received through these senses are translated by the mind into precepts, concepts, ideas and ideals. Precepts and Concepts and ideas are the result of the working of the lower concrete analytical mind but ideals are deduced from ideas and are created by the higher abstract mind. Higher than ideals is the intuition, which is the voice of the soul within us and tells us of the reality of things as they are and not as they seem, and of our unity with all creation. But there is still a higher state of consciousness than unity and that is the actual realization of unity which in Buddhism is called Nirvana and which I have called Enlightenment. In that state our consciousness works no more from the circumference to the centre, but from the centre to the circumference. Being itself one with the source of all spiritual growth is the unfolding of the spiritual powers latent in us all, but these do not show themselves in the majority owing to the limitations of the personality imposed by the senses, emotions and the lower mind.

Alchemy of the Mind.

Growth or spiritual unfolding can only take place when the physical activities, the emotions and the thoughts of the personality are made subservient to the higher Self. Such a state brings peace and happiness inasmuch as the higher Self asks nothing for itself, having all in essence we are divine, but loath to give up the passing, the transient, and identify ourselves with them. Nothing can be gained, however, without self-sacrifice which involves the giving up of the transient.

It is only when we seek the real amidst the unreal can we ever hope to attain enlightenment. From our ideas, by the alchemy of our mind, we create our ideals, we have to live in these ideals and make our lives the expressions of these ideals to be able to transcend the limitations imposed upon us by our senses and desires.

We must become harmonised with our higher Self and be freed from the illusions of the personal self to be able to help those still bound and suffering. To achieve this, right thoughts and right ideas and most of all right ideals are absolutely necessary. When we have lived in these ideals then the intuition, the Voice within, will begin to direct then it is that the greater realization—Liberation—or enlightenment is attained.

To the liberated Soul who has found enlightenment, all creation becomes a reflection of Himself and he sees beauty in all. Ugliness will cease to be for there is no ugliness in God's creation but Beauty everywhere. Spiritual truths are realities which only the intuition in us can appreciate but before we can enter the greater life—the only reality—

SINGAPORE SMASH.

EUROPEAN KILLED IN MOTOR COLLISION.

Two Europeans were injured, one of them fatally, in a motor smash which occurred in Orchard Road, Singapore, at about 10.30 on Friday night, February 17. The deceased, Mr. W. B. Balfour, was seated beside Mr. William Mann, and was thrown out of the car, a Buick, following a collision with a Citroen car driven by a Malay, which was proceeding towards town.

The Buick, which appears to have struck the right rear wheel of the Citroen and then crashed into a tree, was hired from the Buick Motor Company, Orchard Road. The driver, a Eurasian named Jackson, escaped with minor injuries and Mr. Mann sustained a broken leg.

The crash occurred a short distance from the Orchard Road Police Station and when the Police arrived Mr. Balfour was conscious. The two Europeans were removed to hospital, where Mr. Balfour was operated upon. He had sustained severe injuries about the head and face, and died while under the anaesthetic.

The Malay driver of the Citroen car, who escaped with only slight injuries, told the police that he was driving well over to the left side of the road going towards town. The Buick came up close to his car and the front of the Buick collided with his off side rear wheel. The Buick then ran into a tree.

Mr. Mann, who was at the wheel of the Buick, has made a statement to the effect that the Citroen approached him at high speed and with dazzling headlights.

The Police have charged Mr. Mann with causing death by a rash act and with driving car S-1173 without a licence.

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After the instrumental trio, consisting of C. P. O. Beane, R. N. (violin), Mr. J. C. Grenham, (cello), and Capt. Fogg, O.B.E., M.C., (piano).
 Mr. H. Glover, who was recently seen in "Merrie England," contributed two fine baritone songs and C.P.O. Beane was heard to advantage in two tenor solos, "Marie My Girl" and "Macushla."

We must let go our hold on the transient. Man must learn to stand alone to find the hidden powers of the Divine Spirit within himself, and when found, he enters his greater life in which he knows his unity with the All, and himself as one with the life and source of all Creation.

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MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
INAGOPORE	5,383	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, L'don & A'warp
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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SHIRALA	7,841	9th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
INAGOPORE	5,283	12th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai
LABORE	5,252	19th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
SANTHIA	7,754	21st Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKADA	6,949	26th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
JEYPORE	6,318	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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DELTA	8,097	11th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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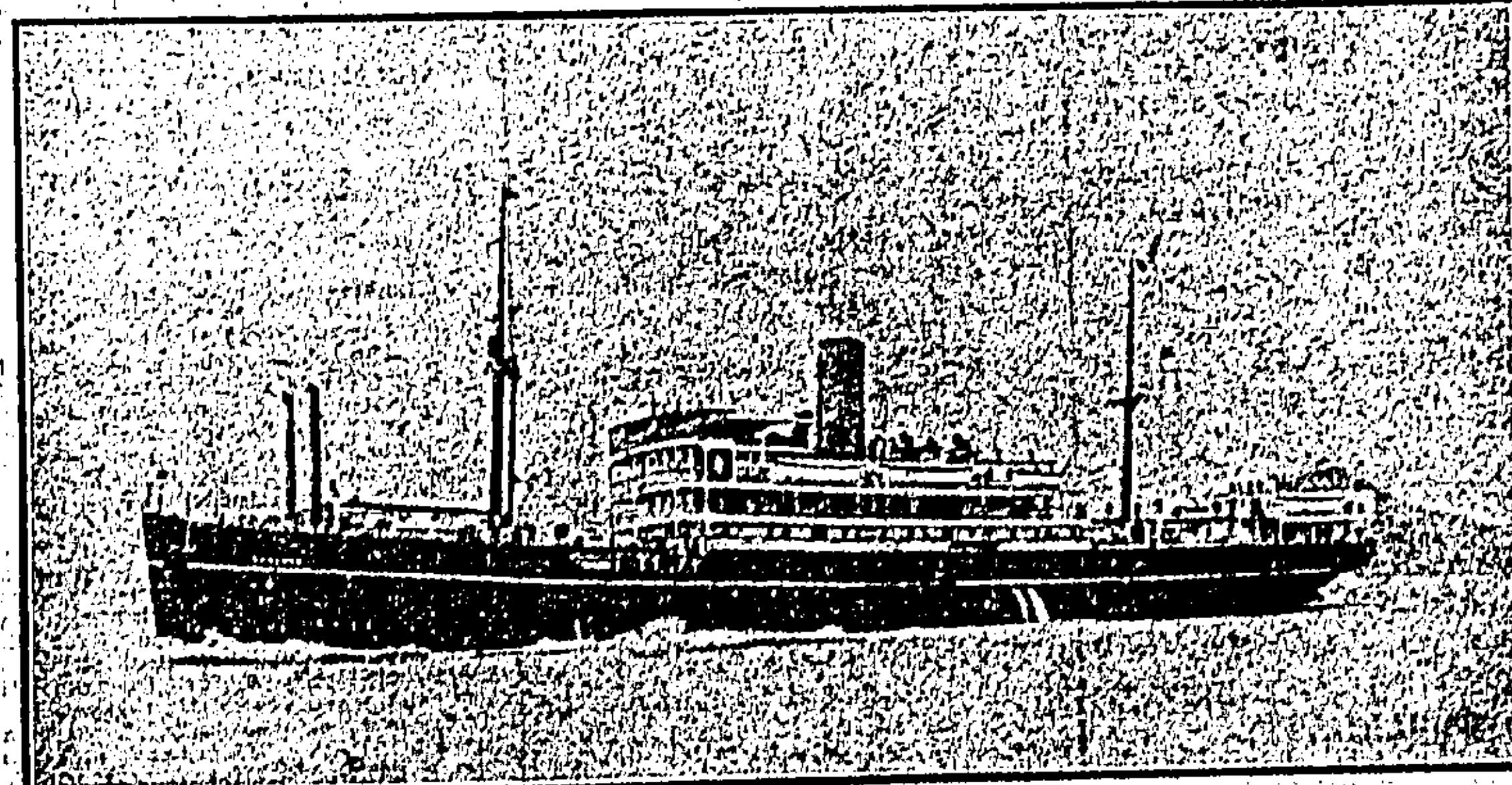
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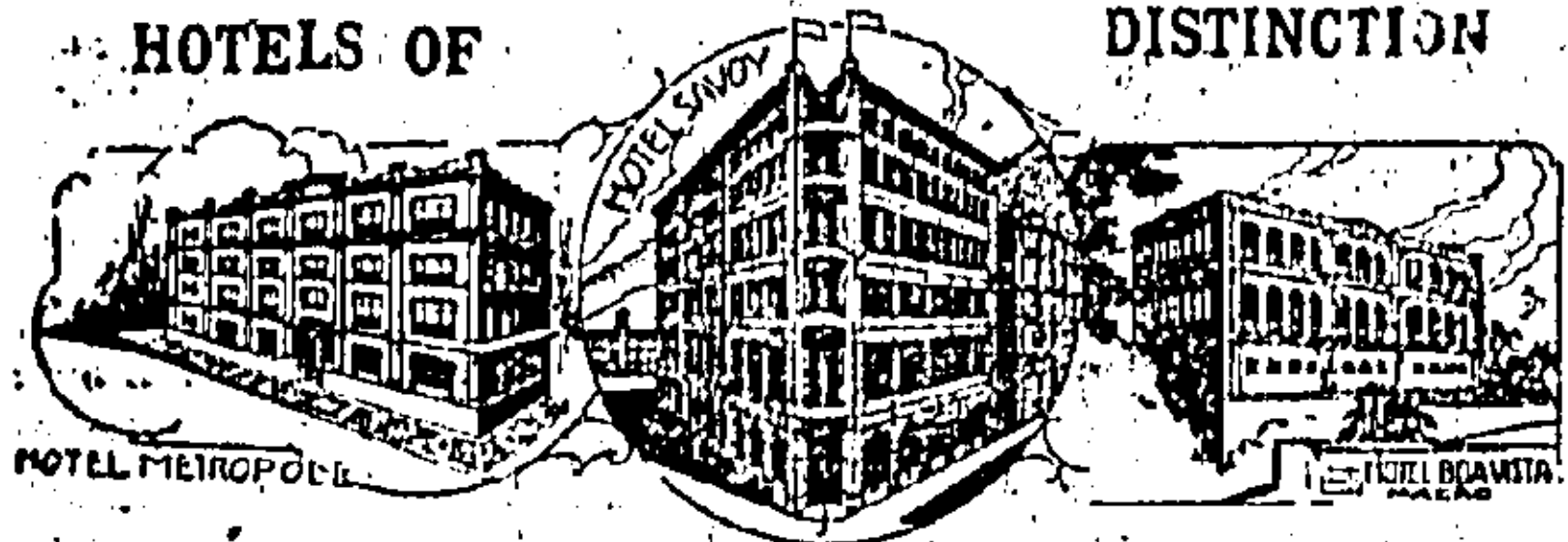
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The scene in St. Columba's Church, Pont St., Belgravia, where the flag-draped coffin
of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig is lying in state. The remains were later taken to
Westminster Abbey, for a public service, prior to being conveyed to Scotland for burial.

GERMAN PROPOSALS AT GENEVA.

SEEK UNDERTAKINGS IN ADVANCE.

Geneva, Feb. 29.
The League Committee on
Security and Arbitration discussed
for over three hours to-day
the German suggestions for the
prevention of war.

The German proposals include,
inter alia, that States undertake
in advance to carry out the recom-
mendations of the Council of the
League, to prevent aggravation of
the extension of disputes.

Lord Cushendun criticised the
suggestion, while M. Paul Boncour
favoured them with certain re-
servations.

The matter was finally adjourned
until the next Session of the
Committee, and, in the meantime,
the German suggestion will be
submitted to the various Govern-
ments.—*Reuter.*

SIR HORACE RUMBOLD LAUDED.

SATISFACTION AT BERLIN APPOINTMENT.

London, Feb. 29.
The King has approved the
appointment of Sir Horace Rum-
bold, Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary at Madrid, to
be Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary at Berlin.

The newspapers express satis-
faction with the appointment of a
diplomatist who has had so long
and so distinguished a career and
who has already served in Berlin.

The opinion is expressed that
his previous knowledge of Ger-
many will enable him to consoli-
date friendly relations which have
been the object of Lord D'Abernon
and Sir Ronald Lindsay, his pre-
decessors in Berlin.—*British
Wireless.*

PORTUGUESE FLAG DISCRIMINATION.

LIKELY TO BE ABOLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

London, Feb. 29.
Replying to questions in the
House of Commons, Sir Austen
Chamberlain said the British
Government had for some
time been making representa-
tions to the Portuguese Govern-
ment on the subject of flag dis-
crimination. He understood a de-
cree would shortly be issued
abolishing all such discrimination
of any kind in Portugal and the
Portuguese Dominions.

In regard to the question
of the loan which Portu-
gal was seeking through the
League of Nations, this would be
dealt with on its merits.—*British
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Washington, Feb. 29.
The House of Representatives
has unanimously passed an ap-
propriation of \$1,500 to provide for
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Col. Lindbergh, the famous Trans-
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of the coinage and sale of a
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INDIA'S IMPROVED CREDIT.

BUDGET PARALLELS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

NO TAXATION CHANGE.

New Delhi, Feb. 29.
Sir Basil Blackett, the Govern-
ment Finance Minister, introducing
the Budget at the Legislative As-
sembly, said that the financial year
1926-27 showed a net improvement
of fourteen lakhs over the revised
Estimates.

Prices were stable and the trade
figures effectively reflected the ad-
vantages of the stabilisation of the
rupee.

The income from taxes for the
year 1927-28 was disappointing. It
had shown a falling off of 13 lakhs.
Salt was worse by 25 lakhs, but the
railway contribution had increased
by 88 lakhs. Military expenditure
remained unchanged, the savings
accruing as the result of the de-
patch of troops to China having
been used for urgent expenditure on
modernisation.

The total expenditure was 12,774
lakhs, and the total revenue the
same figure.

Sir Basil pointed out that the
quotations of Government securi-
ties in India and London, and the
success of the sterling loan demon-
strated the improvement of India's
credit. At the present rate of pro-
gress the unproductive debt would
vanish in twelve years.

The Budget did not involve new
taxation, and it was not proposed to
further reduce present taxation.—
Reuter.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS.

TREATY FORECASTS INACCURATE & MISLEADING.

London, Feb. 29.
The Egyptian Premier, Sarwat
Pasha, it is understood, has now
laid before his Cabinet the results
of his conversations in London
with Sir Austen Chamberlain.
The purpose of these conversa-
tions was to substitute for the
unilateral declaration of 1922
which now governs the relations
of two countries, a treaty of
alliance between Great Britain
and Egypt.

The Egyptian Press contains
inaccurate and misleading fore-
casts of the draft treaty, which
should only be accepted with the
utmost reserve pending the laying
of papers relating to the conversa-
tions, which Sir Austen Cham-
berlain has promised to Parliament
at the earliest possible moment.—
British Wireless.

ITALY'S LOSS.

DEATH OF MARSHAL DIAZ.

Rome, Feb. 29.
The death has occurred of
Marshal Diaz, the Commander-in-
Chief of the Italian Army.—
Reuter.

[The late Marshal Armando
Diaz was born at Naples on De-
cember 6th, 1861, and was educa-
ted at the Military Academy, Turin.
He served in the Libyan War in
1912 and also in the European
War. Marshal Diaz had been
Commander-in-Chief of the Italian
Army since 1917. He was a son of
Ludovico Diaz and the Baroness
Irene Cecconi.]

NEW CHAMPION OF FASCISM.

GIOLITTI'S STRONG APPEAL.

Rome, Jan. 27.

The ex-Premier, Signor Gio-
litti, in the course of an inter-
view with the Editor of the
Revisita Politica e Parlamentare,
is said to have hit out in some-
what unexpected directions, de-
nouncing Signor Salvemini and
Signor Nitti as being unworthy of
Italian nationality on account of
propaganda in England and
France.

To a statement by the interview-
er that we need to follow the
times, Signor Giolitti replied, "we
must not follow but march with
the times when it is demonstrated
that they are serious."

Asked if the hour of the Right
had arrived, Signor Giolitti said:
"We Liberals in these late years
provided an ugly display of in-
ability to govern steadily and con-
sistently because we were harass-
ed by the evil of proportional re-
presentation, which placed the
Government at the mercy of
the insolence and vengeance
of extremist parties. As I
said some time ago to Signor
Balbo, 'I ought to be grateful for
the war you have made, and con-
tinue to make, against the So-
cialists and the Populists of Don
Sturzo, because it is precisely
these two parties who have me
most embarrassed in my long
political life, even if sometimes,
owing to Parliamentary vicissi-
tudes, thinking of my country, I
had to submit and accept their
votes.'"

The Fuorusciti.

Signor Giolitti then spoke of the
Fuorusciti, saying that he never
went to Paris last autumn be-
cause above all he wished to
avoid danger of meeting or being
annoyed by calls from some of
them. He added: "I find their
conduct, especially that of some of
their leaders like Signor Salvemini
and Signor Nitti, not to mention
others, extremely reprehensible.
Beyond our frontiers we should,
on no account, speak evil of our
country or those directing it.
These Fuorusciti who are running
down their native land abroad,
proclaim themselves by their own
acts unworthy to be Italians."

Comment on the interview by
the Rome newspapers neither tri-
umphs over nor disdains Signor
Giolitti's reported utterance. Most
of the papers confine themselves
to giving the results of inquiries
proving the authenticity of the
interview.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions—
1. Sixpence per 1,000 births; this is less
than half the rate in 1901, when it was 14
than 1,000 births. 2. Least-General Greeney,
Herr Colonel. 3. In the South Atlantic,
2,000 miles S.E. of Cape Town the Nor-
wegian Government claim possession of it,
although it has previously been regarded by
the British Government as British. 4. An
organisation of brigands of both sexes and
all ages, in Sicily, living on blackmail and
murder. 5. Taking strong measures
to exterminate them. 6. Earl of. 7. U.
8. Coast. 9. Miss Margaret Bevan, Right Hon.
10. Sir Arthur Balfour, Lord of the Treasury.
11. Sir Thomas Inskip, 6. Britain, France, the
Netherlands (all three in Guinea). 7.
Mindergarten, or child study. 8. Spain and
Portugal. Italy, Mesopotamia, Scotland,
India, England. 9. A person with a
mania for stealing fire. 10. Venus. 11. Tower of
London.

Paris, Feb. 1.—As the Paris-
Tourcoing express was passing
Ally-Noye in the Montdidier dis-
trict several revolver shots were
fired at it. The windows of many
compartments were broken, but
none of the passengers was hurt.

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